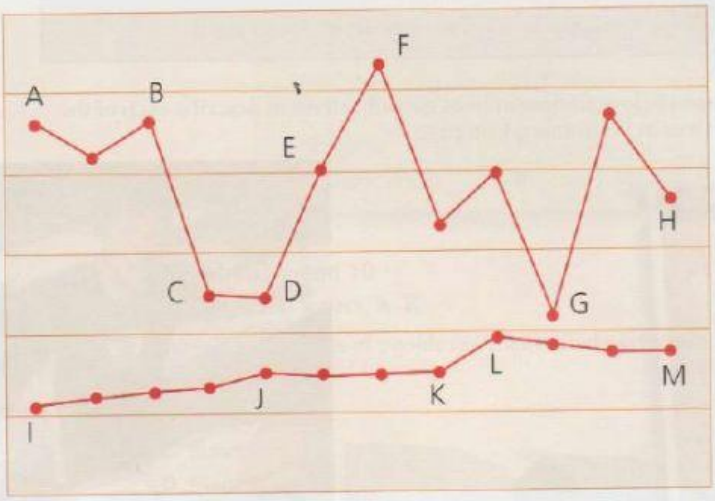
Vocabulary 2: Verbs of movement

1 Work in pairs. Match the parts of the graph **1–10** with the verbs **a–j**.



1	*A–B*	**a** hit a low
2	B–C	**b** fell and then levelled off
3	B–D	**c** remained flat/stable
4	D–F	**d** plummeted
5	F	**e** rose gradually
6	F–H	**f** fell gradually
7	G	**g** soared
8	I–J	**h** *dipped*
9	J–K	**i** fluctuated
10	L–M	**j** hit a peak

2 For sentences **1–10** below, use the verbs in exercise 1 to replace the underlined text.

1 The price of laptops dropped followed by a period of stability.
2 Numbers reached a high in the year 2009.
3 The amount of money spent fell slightly and then quickly recovered.
4 Visitor numbers to the website plunged in the first quarter of the year.
5 Book purchases increased slowly but surely over the year.
6 The number of students applying to the university stabilized over the decade.
7 Attendance at the conference decreased steadily last year.
8 The growth rate was erratic during the previous year.
9 Member numbers reached their lowest point in March.
10 Car sales rocketed over the period.

3 To add variety to your writing you can use nouns instead of verbs to describe movement. Look at the nouns in the box below and decide which ones are not correct.

a drop	a plunge	a bottom out	an increase	stabilization		
fluctuations	a decline	a rocket	a soar	a plummet	a rise	
a dip	a fall	a level off	a climb	a peak	a surge	

4 Rewrite the sentences from exercise 2 using nouns instead of verbs. Use the following structure: *There was a* (+ adjective) + noun + *in* … . For three of the sentences this is not possible. Make any other necessary changes.

Example:

There was a drop in the price of laptops followed by a period of stability.

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1 Work in pairs. Read the Task 1 question below and the three introductions **a–c** which follow. Decide which is the best introduction and why.

WRITING TASK 1

You should spend about 20 minutes on this task.

The graph below provides a breakdown of the UK weekly market share of visits to three social networking websites between March 2007 and March 2008.

Summarise the information by selecting and reporting the main features, and make comparisons where relevant.

Write at least 150 words.



a The graph below shows in percentage terms the UK weekly market share of visits to three websites between March 2007 and March 2008.

b The chart below shows the percentage of hits to three websites over the period of a year.

c The chart illustrates the market share of hits to various social networking sites in the UK on a weekly basis over one year to March 2008.

2 Complete the gaps in the following model answer for the task with the correct form of a suitable verb. There may be more than one possible answer.

The graph **1** _____ the proportion of hits to three social networking sites on a weekly basis from 10th March 2007 to 8th March 2008.

Generally speaking, the trends in the market share of the three sites **2** _____. The most viewed site **3** _____ clearly www.facebook.com, whose share of the market **4** _____ dramatically from approximately 0.25 per cent on 10th March 2007 to 1.96 per cent on 8th March 2008. This **5** _____ nearly an eightfold increase over the period. It **6** _____ noticeable that the market share of Facebook **7** _____ a high of around 2.2 per cent during December 2008, with peaks being hit by the other two sites during the same period.

The market share of hits to the bebo site, meanwhile, **8** _____ at a slower pace from about 1.2 to 1.44 per cent, a rise of approximately 40 per cent. In contrast to the other two websites, the market share of www.myspace.com **9** _____, decreasing from approximately the same level as www.bebo.com on 10th March 2007 to 0.89 per cent.

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