

Verb + preposition

Income tax has gone up **by** 30% **to** 40%. (the total increase is 10%)

Income tax has gone up **by** 30%. (the total increase is 30%)

Inflation has risen **to** 5%. (inflation is now 5%)

Inflation has risen **by** 5%. (if it was 10% before, now it is 15%)

Inflation has increased **by** 5%. (movement)

Inflation now stands **at** 5%. (no movement)

Use these prepositions:

at / to / by / by / from / to / at / in / of / to

Noun + preposition

The increase **in** salaries is around 5%. (in + noun)

There was an increase **of** 5%. (of + number)

The exchange rate reached a peak **at** USD 3.76 in April. (noun + at + number)