

Verb + preposition

Income tax has gone up \rightarrow 30%. (the total increase is 10%)

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Inflation has risen \rightarrow 5%. (inflation is now 5%)

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

Inflation has increased \rightarrow 5%. (movement)

Inflation now stands \rightarrow 5%. (no movement)

Use these prepositions:

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

Noun + preposition

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

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

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