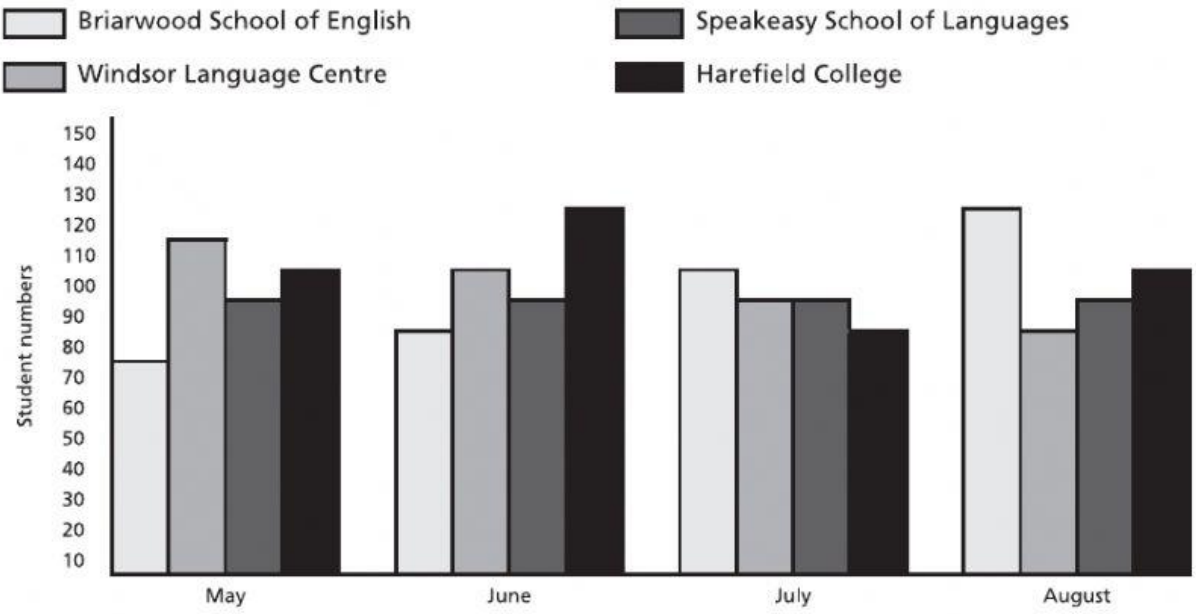
Changes 1

1 Look at the graph, and complete the sentences with the correct form of the words and phrases in the box. In most cases, more than one option is possible.

decline decrease drop fall fluctuate go down
go up ~~increase~~ peak at reach a peak of remain constant
remain steady rise

English school student numbers: May – August.



Between May and August…

1. …student numbers at the Briarwood School of English *increased* / ..... / ..... .
2. …student numbers at the Windsor Language Centre ..... / ..... / ..... / ..... / ..... .
3. …student numbers at the Speakeasy School of Languages ..... / ..... .
4. …student numbers at Harefield College ..... . They ..... / ..... 120 in June.

2 Look at this table, and complete the sentences on the next page with words and phrases from the box. In some cases, more than one answer is possible. There is one word or phrase that you do not need.

Petrol prices			
January	£1.10 / litre	June	£1.55 / litre
February	£1.12 / litre	July	£1.52 / litre
March	£1.15 / litre	August	£1.53 / litre
April	£1.18 / litre	September	£1.58 / litre
May	£1.16 / litre	October	£1.60 / litre

downward trend dramatically gradually sharply slightly steadily
upward trend

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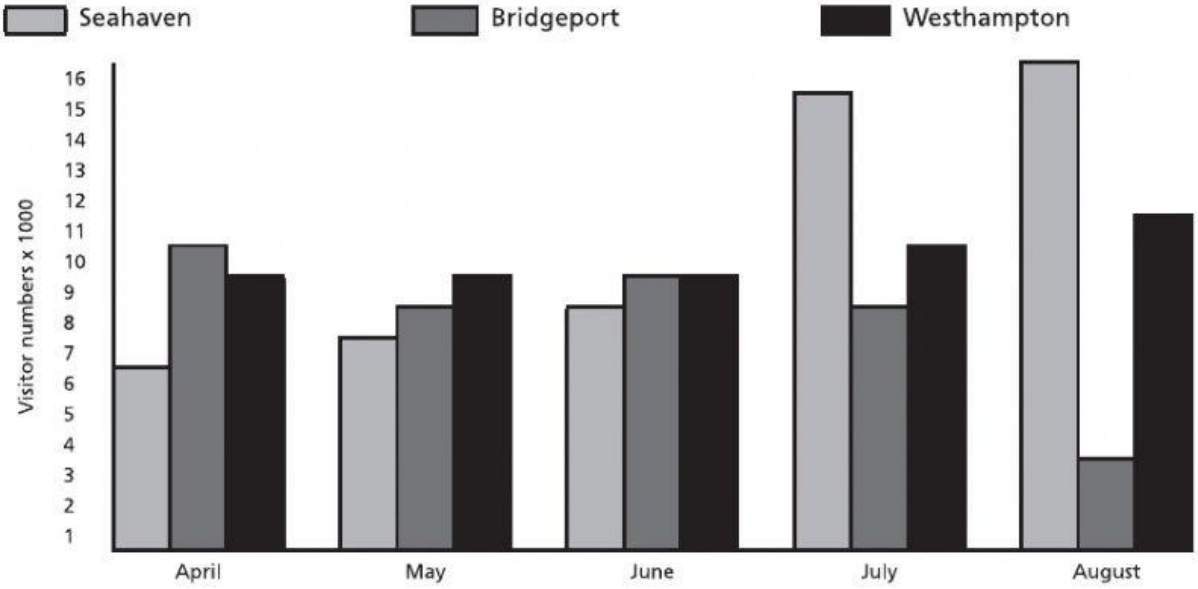
1. Between January and April, petrol prices increased ..... / ..... .
2. In May, petrol prices fell ..... .
3. In June, petrol prices rose ..... / ..... .
4. Overall, there has been an ..... in petrol prices

3 Look at the task in the box, then complete the sample answer with words and phrases from Exercises 1 and 2. In some cases, more than one answer may be possible.

> *The graph below shows the number of visitors to three seaside towns over a five-month period.*
>
> *Summarise the information by selecting and reporting the main features, and make comparisons where relevant.*



Sample answer

The graph shows how many people visited three seaside towns between April and August.

The number of visitors to Seahaven (1) *increased* (2) ..... between April and June, then (3) ..... (4) ..... in July, and continued to (5) ..... in August. For the first four months, visitor numbers to Bridgeport (6) ..... , but then (7) ..... (8) ..... in the final month. Westhampton visitor numbers (9) ..... from April to June, then (10) ..... (11) ..... in July and finally (12) ..... 11,000 in August.

Overall, there was an (13) ..... in the number of visitors to Seahaven and Westhampton, but a (14) ..... in the number of people visiting Bridgeport.

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