

Exercise 9

Choose the correct adverbs to complete the sentences.

1. My rail season ticket cost £2,000 last year, and this year I have to pay £4,000. The price has increased dramatically/ marginally/ steadily .
2. For each of the last ten years, the number of residents in my town has increased by between 1-2%. The population has risen considerably/ sharply/ steadily.
3. There has been a 50% reduction in the number of vehicles in the city centre this year. Levels of pollution have fallen sharply/ slowly/ steadily .
4. The police have reported a year-on-year 2% drop in violent crime in the inner cities. Incidents of crime have been decreasing abruptly/ considerably/ gradually over recent years.
5. Britain's fourth largest supermarket chain reported a fivefold increase in sales of crisps and nuts last Saturday prior to the World Cup Final. Sales of snacks increased significantly/ slowly/ steadily .
6. The number of lambs born this spring was 0.4% below the seasonal average. The birth rate this year dropped marginally/ significantly/ steadily .