

Verbs describing statistics

I Match the verbs (1-8) with their definition (A-H)

1	calculate	A	become bigger
2	halve	B	become twice as big
3	divide	C	increase by a very large amount
4	increase	D	guess
5	multiply	E	become smaller
6	estimate	F	use maths to find an answer
7	double	G	separate
8	decrease	H	become twice as small

II Replace the verbs in italics by the verbs given in the box in the correct form.

double increase decrease halve multiply divide estimate calculate

1. In the past eight *years*, the *elephant population* in *Africa* has been _____ (*reduced by half*).
2. 18 birds _____ (*increased very much in number*) to 100 in just three years.
3. In the end of the lecture i'd like the students to _____ (*separate*) into smaller groups.
4. The cost of the project has _____ (*become larger*) since it began.
5. Statistics shows that the number of students in countryside schools has dramatically _____ (*become smaller*).
6. The government aims to _____ (*make twice as much*) the number of students in universities within 25 years
7. They _____ (*guess*) the journey will take at least 2 weeks.
8. He has _____ (*used mathematics to find an answer*) that it will take him two years to save up for a car.