

Writing Ex. > Task 1 - Academic Vocabulary

Adjectives	- significant - abrupt - gradual - steady	considerable sudden slight constant	dramatic rapid moderate consistent	sharp steep minimal continuous
Nouns	- a fall - a rise - a variation	a decrease an increase a fluctuation	a decline a growth a change	a dip a climb a peak
Verbs	- to fall - to rise - to vary - to level off	to decrease to increase to fluctuate to flatten out	to decline to grow to remain constant/steady/stable/unchanged	to plummet to soar to plunge to leap
Phrases	- to hit the highest point - to show an upward trend - to reach a peak / a bottom - to show some fluctuation			
Adverbs	- dramatically - gradually	significantly slightly	sharply gently	considerably steadily abruptly rapidly

MORE USEFUL WORDS AND PHRASES

1. **Percent** – the word percent always comes after a number

- More than 25% of the students do not like eating junk food.
- More than 25 **percent** of the students do not like eating junk food.

2. **Percentage** – the word percentage comes after words like *the*, *a*, *this* and *that*. Often, it is preceded by an adjective.

- A small **percentage** of teens do exercise regularly.
- The **percentage** of adults who have lunch at home on weekends is low.

3. **Numbers** – for numbers up to ten, write the numbers in words. For numbers over 10, you can write the numbers in digits.

- **Five** percent of the employees were late this month.
- More than **50%** of the students handed in their assignments late.

Note: if the sentence starts with a number, always write it in words.

- **25** students were from China.
- **Twenty-five** students were from China.

4. **Nouns or verbs + prepositions** – for numbers to explain trends, use the corresponding preposition:

- An increase / a drop / a fall (movement noun) **of** 25 percent, a quarter, more than a half
- 77% **of** the population
- to rise / decline / decrease / drop (movement verb) **by** 10% (specify the amount of change)
- to increase / rise / fall / drop (movement verb) **to** 600,000 in 2021 (ending number after the change)
- to stand / remain / peak / start / finish (non-movement verb) **at** about 8.4 tons (where the graph is)
- stocks fell / decreased (movement verb) **from** 200 **to** 150 in August



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5. **Dates** – for dates you should pay attention to the corresponding preposition.

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| - In December | In 2005, | In July 2023 | In the 1980s |
| - On March 3 rd | | On 14 February | |
| - From 2001-2010 | | From February to June | |
| - By 1998, | | By the late 19 th century | |
| - Over <u>the next</u> years/decades | | Over the period | |
| - Between 1965-1969 | | Between September and December | |

Practice

A. Identify the part of the speech (*noun, verb, adjective, adverb*) of each word in bold below.

- There was a **substantial increase** in the value of stocks on March 15th.
- House prices **leapt** to 90% in less than a year.
- The number of tourists visiting New York **fell sharply** in October.
- The percentage of students walking to school **continued to rise gradually** over a ten-year period.
- There was a **sharp decrease** in employee turnover after the strike.
- Interest in environmental issues **has risen steadily** over the last 10 years.

B. Complete the sentences below using a noun or an adjective from the chart above.

- There was an (1) _____ in the number of people who drank alcohol during the lockdown.
- Holidays flight tickets have reached a (2) _____ during August.
- There was a (3) _____ climb in food waste from 150 to 780 kilos in a school year.
- This table compares the projected (4) _____ of the number of people over the age of 75 with that of the total population.
- Projections show a climb in population soon, but a steady (5) _____ in the population growth rate.
- There was a (6) _____ variation in sales in the last three quarters, which did not affect the cash flow of the company.

C. Complete the sentences below using a verb or an adverb from the chart above.

- Interest in having a healthy lifestyle has risen (1) _____ over the last five years.
- At my school food prices usually (2) _____ more than a third between May and June.
- The number of elderly doing exercise grew (3) _____ from 86 to 90 at the end of the term.
- It is projected that the population in India will increase more (4) _____ than in China.
- The percentage of students purchasing lunch at school (5) _____ stable last month.
- House prices seem to be (6) _____ off after the steep rises of the last few years.
- Our currency (7) _____ based on supply and demand from year to year.

D. Complete the sentences using the correct preposition on each line.

- Nearly 52 percent (1) _____ the interviewees were female.
- The global population is expected to peak (2) _____ 8.2 billion (3) _____ 2050.



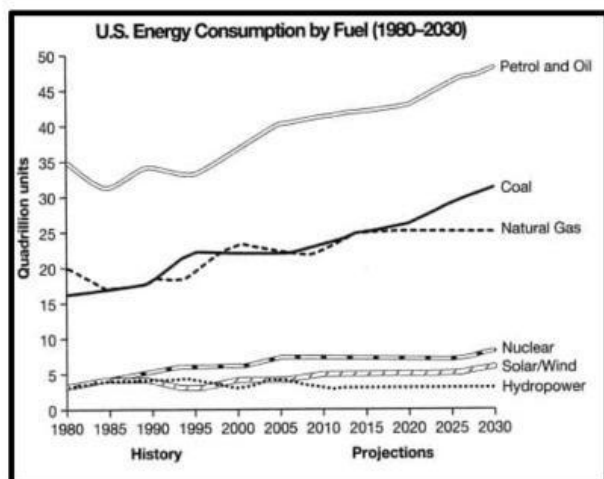
- c. The urban population is expected to remain unchanged ⁽⁴⁾ _____ about 1.3 billion people ⁽⁵⁾ _____ the next two decades.
- d. The number of people migrating to Europe rose ⁽⁶⁾ _____ 2.7 million ⁽⁷⁾ _____ 5.1 million in 2022.
- e. ⁽⁸⁾ _____ 2020 and the present day, the birth rate for Colombia has dropped ⁽⁹⁾ _____ 2%.
- f. The pharmaceutical market shares increased ⁽¹⁰⁾ _____ 20% after the declaration of emergency in several western countries ⁽¹¹⁾ _____ March 2020.

E. When summarizing information given you should use *passive voice*. Complete the sentences below using the correct form. There are two examples for you.

Example: - The old cannery established in 1920 **was replaced** (*replace*) by an office complex.
 - Two of the houses near the Elmwood River **will be demolished** (*demolish*) by 2037.

- a. Today, not only lots of facilities ⁽¹⁾ _____ (*build*) on the island, but also the sea ⁽²⁾ _____ (*use*) for activities.
- b. Over the last decade *Paradise Island* ⁽³⁾ _____ (*transform*) into a well-facilitated tourist destination.
- c. By the end of this month street vendors ⁽⁴⁾ _____ (*not permit*) to work near the beach.
- d. By 2012, considerable changes ⁽⁵⁾ _____ (*make*) to the north-west part where a coffee shop ⁽⁶⁾ _____ (*remove*), and an adjacent food store ⁽⁷⁾ _____ (*relocate*) to the south-east corner of the mall.
- e. The entrance, however, ⁽⁸⁾ _____ (*keep*) in the same location, and the lines of trees surrounding the shopping center remained largely unchanged where possible.

F. Look at the graph. Complete the idea using ONE or TWO WORDS ONLY in each blank.



- The line graph shows energy consumption by fuel type in the U.S. ⁽¹⁾ _____ 1980 ⁽²⁾ _____ 2008.
- Petrol and oil commanded the biggest share with 35 quadrillion units (35q) ⁽³⁾ _____ 1980, ⁽⁴⁾ _____ to approximately 40q in 2008.
- Coal overtook natural gas in 1990 and, despite some ⁽⁵⁾ _____, is set to be the second most used fuel in 2030 with just over 30q.
- After 2015 it is predicted that natural gas will ⁽⁶⁾ _____ and remain ⁽⁷⁾ _____ at about 25q.
- Nuclear and renewable energies represented around 4q in 1980 and ⁽⁸⁾ _____ until 2010.
- It is speculated that nuclear energy will ⁽⁹⁾ _____ nearly 10q ⁽¹⁰⁾ _____ 2030 and solar/wind around 5q, with hydropower ⁽¹¹⁾ _____ and then ⁽¹²⁾ _____ at approximately 2q.