

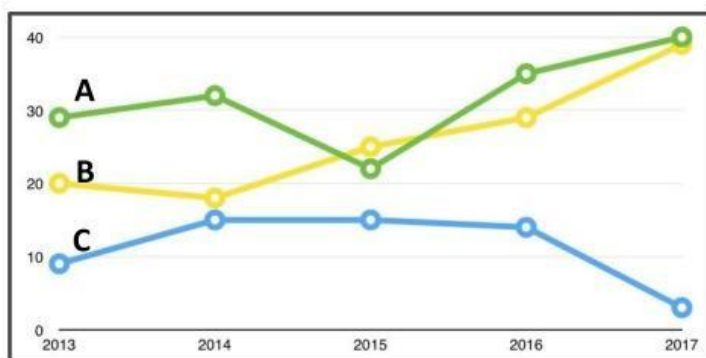
## Vocabulary Ex. > Task 1 – Describing Graphs

A. Write the words and expressions below in the corresponding column.

rocket      leap  
a climb      plunge  
plummet      grow  
dip      bottom out  
soar      reach a peak  
drop      decline

GO UP	GO DOWN

B. Match the phrases (1-6) below to the lines (A-C) in the graph. You can use the letters more than once.



1. remain steady

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2. fluctuate

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3. increase moderately

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4. rise considerably

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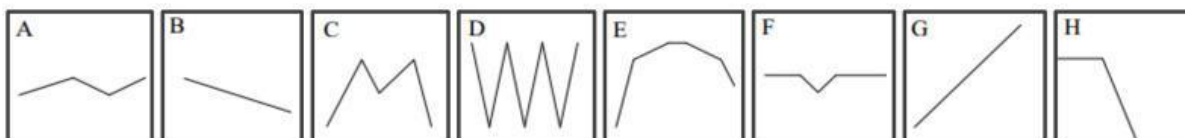
5. decrease slightly

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6. drop sharply

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☐

C. Match the graphs (A-H) with the statements (1-8). Write a number under each corresponding image.



1. There was a peak in customer numbers.

☐

2. Customer numbers were erratic.

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3. Numbers fell steadily.

☐

4. There was a steep rise in customer numbers.

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5. There was a slight dip in customer numbers.

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6. Customer numbers fluctuated wildly.

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7. Customer numbers plunge.

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8. Customer numbers fluctuated slightly.

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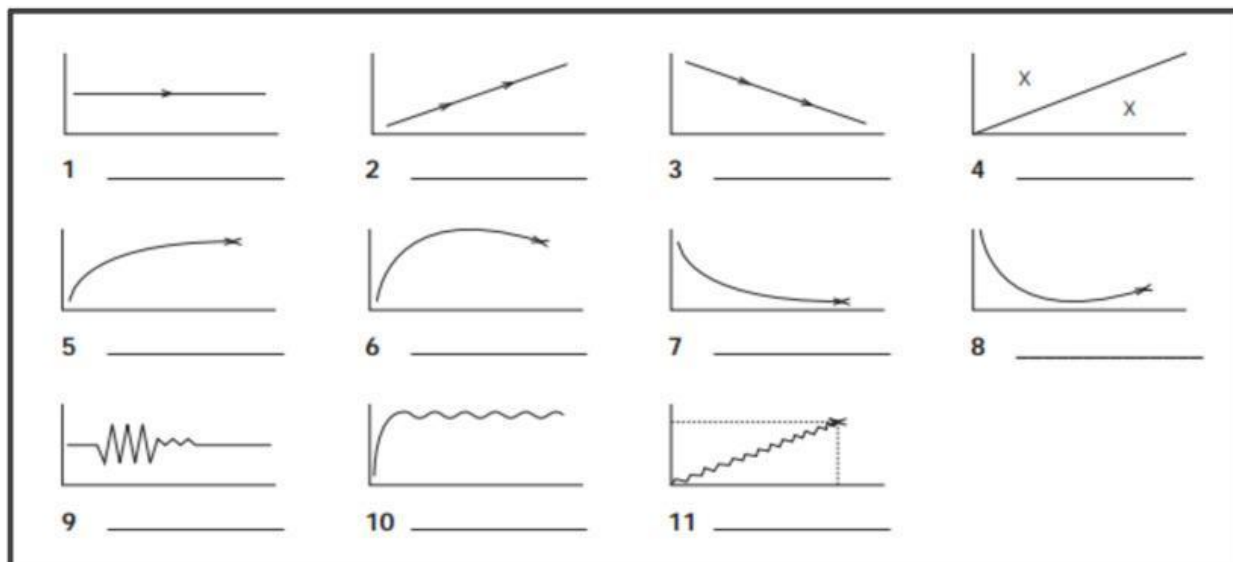

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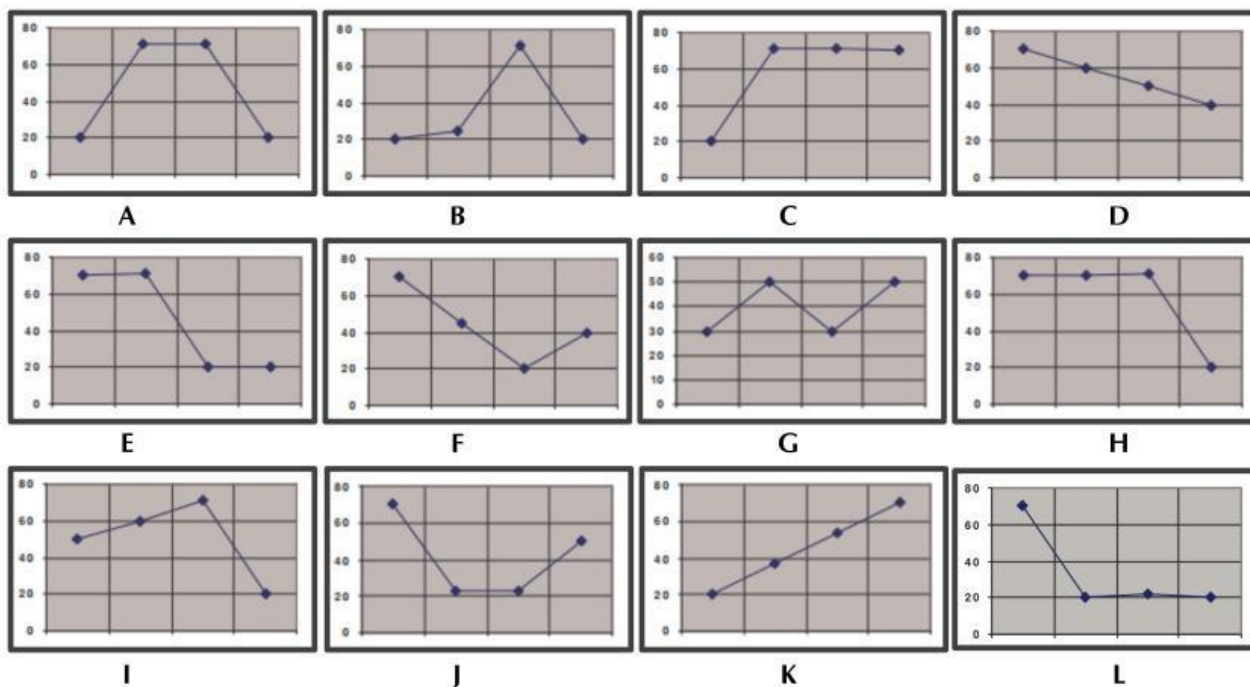


D. Label the graphs (1-11) with expressions (a-k) from the list below.

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|---------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------------|
| a. to increase      | e. to reach a peak   | i. to stand at                        |
| b. to hit a low     | f. to fall           | j. to remain high                     |
| c. to stay the same | g. to drop back      | k. to fluctuate and then to level off |
| d. to recover       | h. to be above/below |                                       |



E. Match the graphs (A-L) with the statements (1-13). Write the corresponding letter next to each description. There is one EXTRA DESCRIPTION YOU DO NOT NEED TO USE.



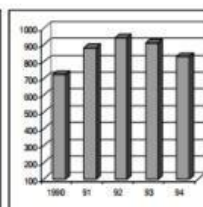
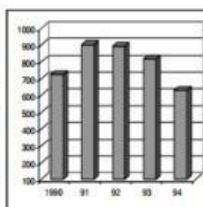
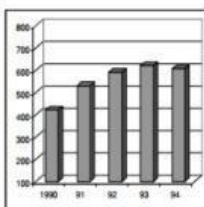
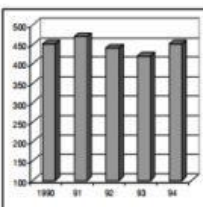
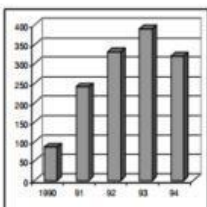
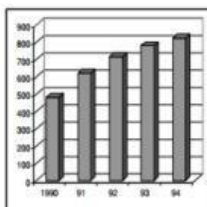
1. Production fell considerably over the first three quarters reaching a low of 20. Then, it staged a partial recovery. ☐
2. After a considerable drop in the first two quarters, production bottomed out at 20. Since then, it has started to rise. ☐
3. There was a rapid drop in production in the first quarter, but it bottomed out at about 20. ☐
4. Production has fluctuated over the whole year. ☐
5. Production grew more and more rapidly over the first three quarters but then reached a peak. Since then, it has quickly dropped. ☐
6. Production showed a marginal rise in the first three quarters but then suffered a sharp drop. ☐

7. Production has dropped slowly but steadily over the year. ☐
8. Production started off steady but fell sharply in the last quarter. ☐
9. Production started climbing steadily but flattened out at a level at around 70. Since then, it has fallen steadily. ☐
10. Production started the year in a stable position but then plunged in the third quarter. It has now flattened out at a level of 20. ☐
11. Production has experienced a strong, steady growth over the whole year. ☐
12. There has been a slight increase in production over the year. ☐
13. Production grew rapidly in the first quarter but reached a plateau of about 70. Then, it remained certainly stable. ☐

**F. Read the reports on the sales results of different divisions of an international company. Match each report to the correct graph.**

1. Music group sales went up slightly in 1991, then fell slightly in 1992 and 1993. But best-selling record releases by Michael Jackson, Billy Joel, Mariah Carey, Pearl Jam, and many other artists led to recovery in 1994.
2. There was a sharp increase in audio equipment sales in 1991 and another increase in 1992. However, European market conditions were difficult in 1993 and 1994 and, as a result, sales fell.
3. Other sales increased steadily between 1990 and 1994 due to the strong performance of telephones, audio systems, and CD-ROM drivers.

4. There was a dramatic rise in Pictures Group sales in 1991 and sales continued to increase in 1992 and 1993. But the strong yen resulted in a fall in 1994.
5. Video equipment sales rose sharply in 1991 but then fell between 1992 and 1993. The decline in the camcorder market led to a further sharp drop in 1994.
6. Television sales went up in 1991 and continued to rise steadily until 1993. A year later they dropped slightly despite the strong sales of computers and wide-screen TVs.

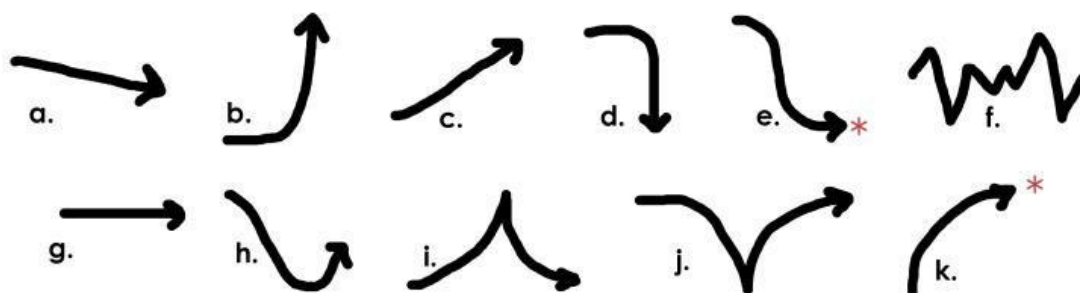


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**G. Write the letter (a-k) that fits best each description (1-11).**



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|---|--------------------------|--|--------------------------|
| 1. Tik Tok shares have shown some signs of constant growth.     | <input type="checkbox"/> | 7. There's been a dramatic upsurge of interest in cobalt.          | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. The energy market is becoming extremely volatile.            | <input type="checkbox"/> | 8. Intel stock price bottomed out at US\$33,80 in July 2023.       | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. The sterling reached a peak before decreasing significantly. | <input type="checkbox"/> | 9. Gold peaked at €1,765.53 an ounce in 2023.                      | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. The Swiss franc is staging a recovery.                       | <input type="checkbox"/> | 10. Sales hit an all-time low last month, and then they recovered. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. Last year the Colombian peso lost ground slightly.           | <input type="checkbox"/> | 11. There has not been much movement in the price of silver.       | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6. There's been a dramatic downturn in the market.              | <input type="checkbox"/> |  |                          |

**H. Read each sentence carefully. Choose the best option(s) to complete the statements.**

- In the last recession the house prices fell *over / by / in* 25%.
- The proportion of bus commuters *dropped / reduced / varied* slightly to 12% in 2020.
- In LA the unemployment rate leveled *out / off / to* at 15.6% at the end of the last quarter.
- The number of Facebook users plunged *between / from / since* 2019-2023.
- The number of tourists in Cartagena reached a *high / peak / top* of 1 million in December.
- In 2000, the figure for Internet users *fluctuated / began / grew* at approximately 60 million.
- Coffee sales *reached / plummeted / had* a low of US\$600 million between April and June.
- Laptop prices *witnessed / developed / saw* a decline in the last three quarters.
- Hybrid cars popularity will increase *for the following / over the next / since* five years.
- The line chart *depicts / illustrates / reveals* the information about the proportion of travelers who used different types of vehicles to commute to work in a European city *during / in / over* a period from 1960 to 2000.



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