

1 Read the description again and find phrases in **bold** which mean...

- went up and down frequently
- did not change (2 phrases)
- went up a little (2 phrases)
- went up very quickly (2 phrases)
- arrived at its highest point
- went up noticeably over a period
- went down (2 phrases)
- went down gradually over a period

In the last activity, there were some useful phrases for describing increases and decreases. Here are two sentence structures for doing this:

1 noun phrase + verb + adverb

For example:

noun phrase +	verb +	adverb
The unemployment rate	rose	rapidly
The cost of living	fell	dramatically

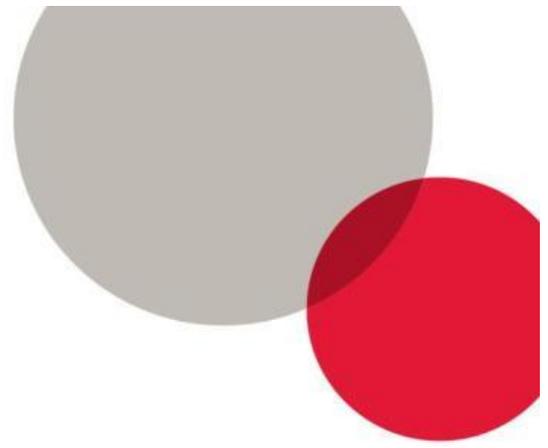
2 There is/are + noun phrase

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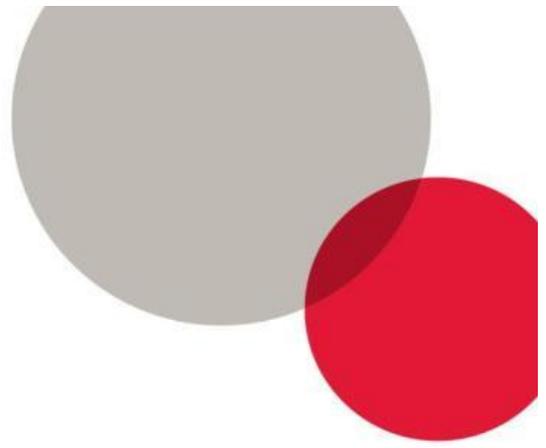
There is/are +	+ noun phrase
There was	a rise in unemployment
There has been	an increase in the cost of living

2 Finish each sentence below so that it means the same as the one given.

- 1 The price of oil rose sharply.
There.....
- 2 There is a noticeable increase in temperature from May onwards.
Temperature.....
- 3 The number of people attending the theatre has fallen dramatically.
There.....



- 4 There had been a steady rise in DVD sales during the first six months of the year.
DVD sales.....
- 5 There has been a rapid growth in the use of alternative energy sources.
The use of alternative energy sources.....
- 6 The popularity of self-catering holidays decreased significantly during the 1990s.
There.....



Academic Writing Task 1

Worksheet 2

Making approximations

It can be difficult to use exact numbers when describing charts. A useful strategy for dealing with this is making approximations.

*For example, if sales figures for oranges rose from 4000 kilos to 7850 kilos, you can say 'orange sales **almost doubled**'.*

- 1 *Here are some useful words and phrases for making approximations. Match phrases with the same meaning.*

1 just over

a around

2 approximately

b nearly

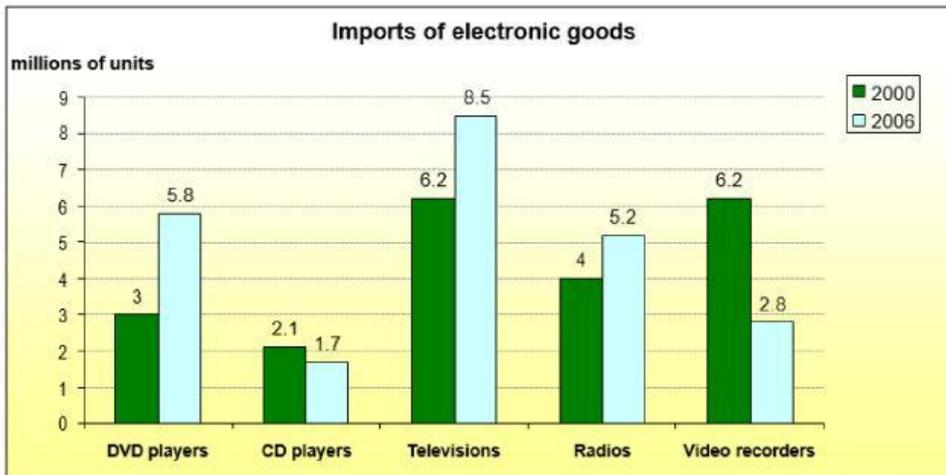
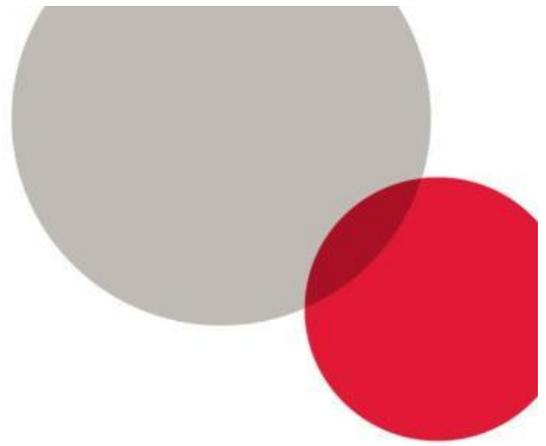
3 just under

c slightly more than

- 2 *Now write sentences about the following bar chart, which shows changes in the quantities of imports of certain electronic goods. Use the words in the boxes.*

just over
approximately
just under around
nearly slightly
more than

halved doubled tripled
fell by rose by
a quarter a third



1 (DVD players)

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2 (CD players)

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3 (Televisions)

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4 (Radios)

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5 (Video recorders)

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