WRITING

Unit 1: Exercise 8

Read the information. Then complete the table with the adverbs in the box.

Try to use a wide variety of adverbs when describing degrees of change. This will help you to achieve a higher Lexical Resource mark in the IELTS test.

Sharply considerably steadily gradually dramatically marginally slowly abruptly significantly

small degree of change	large degree of change

LIVEWORKSHEETS

Unit 1: 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 .

LIVEWORKSHEETS

Unit 1: Exercise 10

Read the text comparing rural and urban life. Complete the sentences with the words in the box.

Affordable	antisocial	charges	gradually	commute	multicultural
overcrowded	pollution	provided			

One of the biggest differences between rural and urban life is that generally the population in villages tends to be monocultural, whereas in cities it is _____ . In many villages, the cost of housing is _____ and _____ that people have a job, they can live in their own houses and not in _____ blocks of flats. There are more employment opportunities in cities, but many workers have to _____ because of the high cost of housing. Life in most villages is relaxed and peaceful. There is little _____behaviour and the air is clean. However, in some cities _____ is a big problem due to fumes from car exhaust pipes. New _____ introduced for vehicles entering city centres will _____ eliminate this problem.

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