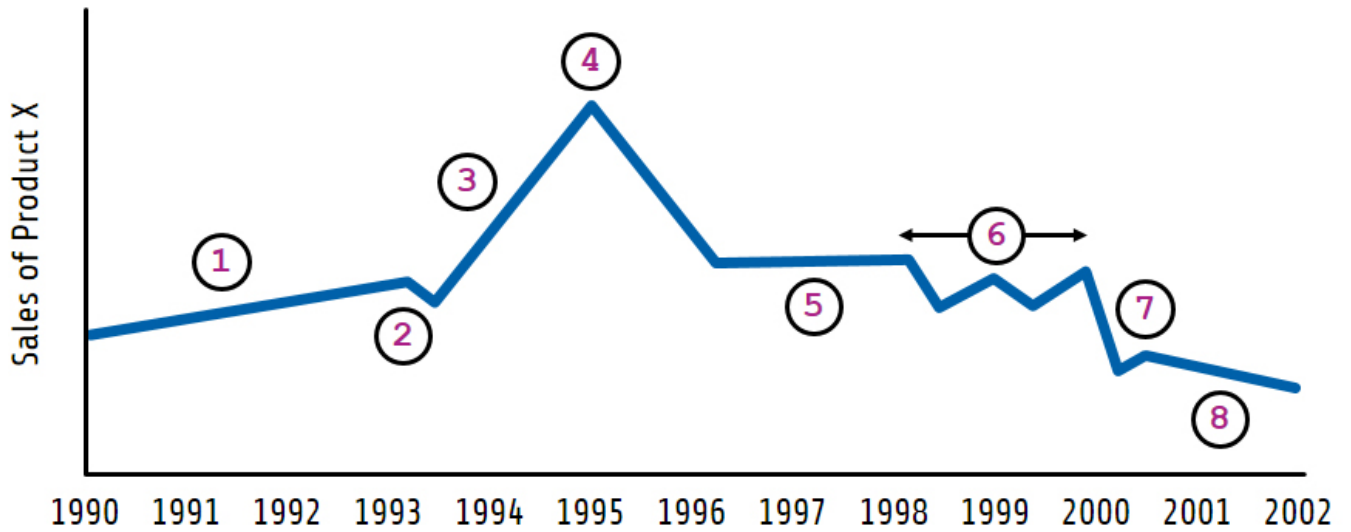


Descriptive reports: line graph overview

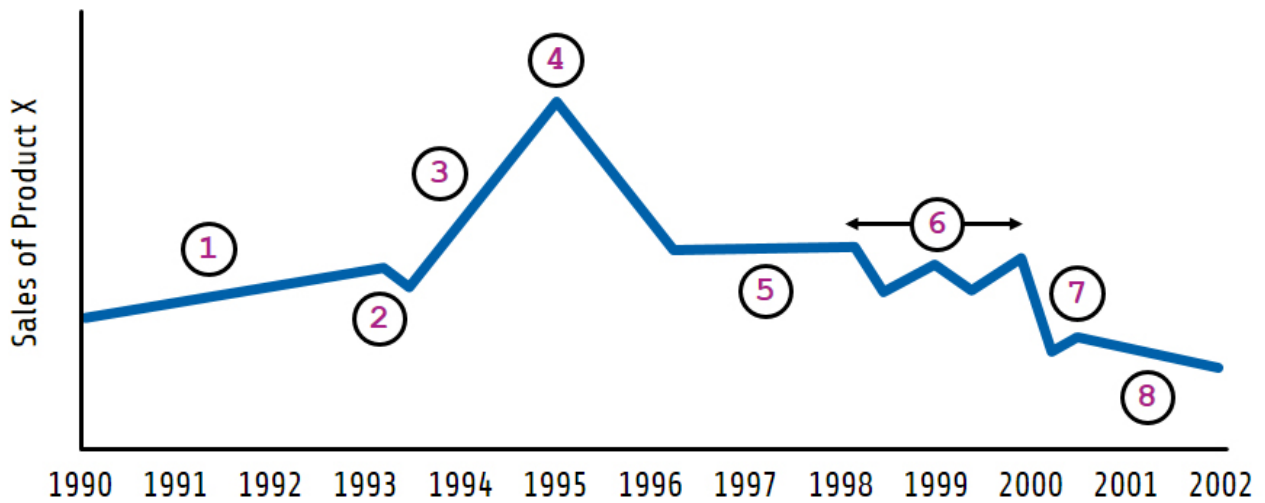
TASK 1: Describing "change"

Look at the **line graph** below and describe what is happening at, or during points (1) to (8).



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Now describe the changes in the **line graph** in two different ways



Example: There was a *steady increase* in sales *gí* Sales *increased steadily*

1. From 1990 to 1993,
- From 1990 to 1993,
2. In late 1993,
- In late 1993,
3. Between mid-1993 and 1995,
- Between mid-1993 and 1995,
4. Sales in 1995. *gí* In 1995, sales
5. Sales between 1996 and 1998.
6. From 1998 to 2000
7. In the year 2000, then they
- During 2000, then they
8. From 2001 onward,
- From 2001 onward,

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Vocabulary

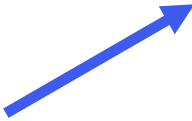



Trends are changes or movements. These changes are normally expressed in numeric items. For example: population, production volumes or unemployment.

Remember The **overall trend** is the change (or lack of change) from the beginning of the line graph to the end of the line graph.

Example: *Overall, there was an upward trend* (...in car sales between 1998 and 2008.)

Overall, there was a downward trend (...in hotel guests during 2010.)

There are four basic trends

	Verbs	Nouns
	Rose (to) Increased (to) Went up (to) Climbed (to)	A rise An increase An upward (trend) A (steep/gradual) climb
	Fell (to) Declined (to) Decreased (to) Dropped (to)	A fall A decline A decrease A downward (trend)
	Levelled out (at) Did not change	(there was) a levelling out (there has been) no change
	Fluctuated Peaked (at)	A fluctuation Reached a peak (of)

We can use a verb of **change**: (Unemployment levels rose to...). Or we can use a related noun: (Overall, there was a rise in unemployment levels...).

There has been an increase in the value of the US dollar. (*The degree of change.*)

The US Dollar fell rapidly last year. (*The speed of change.*)

Grammar

The consumption of chocolate **fell steadily**. (**verb + adverb**)

There was a **steady fall** in the consumption of chocolate. (**adjective + noun**)

There has been a **dramatic rise** in iPad sales. (**adjective + noun**)

iPad sales have **risen dramatically**. (**verb + adverb**)

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TASK 2: Using Adjectives and Adverbs

Describing the degree of change

Adjectives	Adverbs
Dramatic	
Sharp	
Steep	
Substantial	
Significant	
Noticeable	

Describing the speed of change

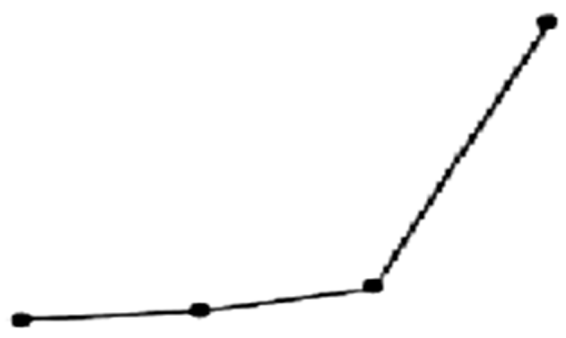
Adjectives	Adverbs
	Rapidly
	Quickly
	Suddenly
	Steadily
	Gradually

TASK 3: Using Adjectives and Adverbs

For each **line graph** below, describe the overall trend and then describe every key change.

Graph

Description



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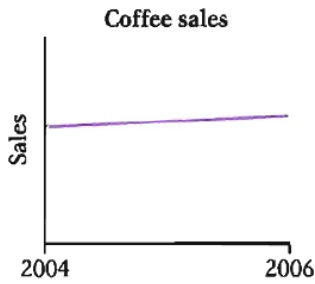


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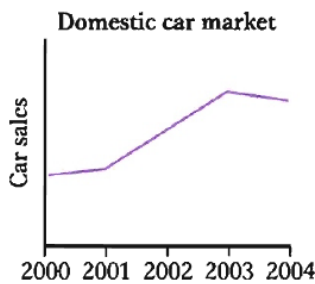


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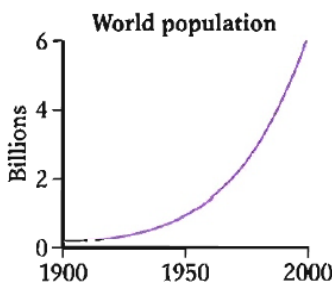
TASK 4: Adjective/Adverb gap-fill



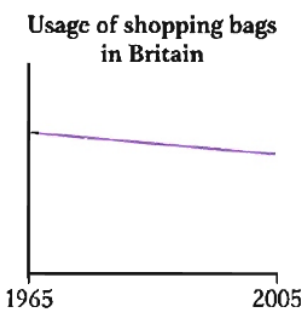
- 1 a Sales of coffee showed a slight increase between 2004 and 2006.
 b Sales of coffee increased slightly between 2004 and 2006.



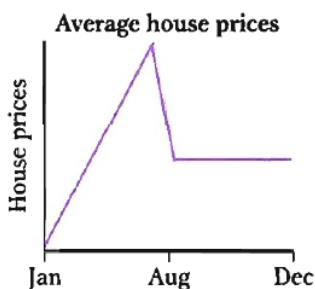
- 2 a The domestic car market showed an growth of 50% for three consecutive years from 2001 to 2003.
 b The domestic car market grew by 50% for three consecutive years from 2001 to 2003.



- 3 a The world population grew between 1950 and 2005.
 b The world population experienced a growth between 1950 and 2005.



- 4 a The number of British households using their own shopping bags when shopping fell between 1965 and 2005.
 b There was a fall in the number of British households using their own shopping bags when shopping between 1965 and 2005.



- 5 a House prices climbed during the first half of the year before falling in August.
 b There was a climb in house prices during the first half of the year before a fall in August.

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TASK 5: Adjectives and Adverbs

Look at the examples below and then rewrite sentences 1 to 8.

The number of people eating chocolate **fell steadily**. (**verb + adverb**)

There was a **steady fall** in the number of people eating chocolate. (**adjective + noun**)

The number of iPads sold **rose dramatically**. (**verb + adverb**)

There has been a **dramatic rise** in the number of iPads sold. (**adjective + noun**)

1. Spice exports from Africa increased gradually over the period.

There was a

2. The number of new products decreased sharply between 1995 and 1998.

There was

3. There has been a noticeable decrease in research investment.

Research

4. The number of cars sold dropped significantly last month.

There was

5. Since 2001 there was a significant rise in the number of websites.

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6. There was a sudden decrease in the sale of mangos.

The sale

7. At the theme park, there were very slight fluctuations in the number of visitors.

The number

8. There was a gradual decline in sugar imports.

Sugar

