

Cheat Sheet for Graph Writing

Verbs:

To increase/rise/grow/go up/improve/soar/rocket/jump/climb/leap

To decrease/drop/decline/fall/go down/plunge/dive/sink/plummet/slump

Adverbs:

Slowly/gently/briefly/slightly/minimally/marginally/insignificantly

Gradually/steadily/relatively/normally/continuously

Sharply/quickly/rapidly/dramatically/suddenly/drastically/steeply/significantly/considerably/remarkably/markedly

Adjectives:

Slow/gentle/brief/slight/minimal/marginal/insignificant

Gradual/steady/relative/normal/continuous

Sharp/quick/rapid/dramatic/sudden/drastic/steep/significant/considerable/remarkable/marked

Miscellaneous:

to remain [or: stay] the same/remain unchanged/remain constant/remain stable/stabilize/level off/level out/even out/fluctuate/reach a peak of/hit a peak of/reach the highest point/hit the highest point/peak/fall to the lowest point/hit the lowest point/bottom out

Patterns:

... verb + adverb ...

Examples:

The number of tourists to Leeds Castle **increased dramatically** in 1999.

The population **fell slightly** from 1975 to 1980.

Sales figures **fluctuated minimally** over the whole period.

There was a + adjective + noun ...

Examples:

There was a **dramatic increase** in the number of tourists to Leeds Castle.

There was a **slight fall** in the population from 1975 to 1980.

There was a **minimal fluctuation** in sales figures over the whole period.

... saw / experienced / enjoyed / suffered a + adjective + noun ...

Examples:

The number of tourists to Leeds Castle saw a **dramatic increase** in 1999.

The population experienced a **slight fall** from 1975 to 1980.

Sales figures saw a **minimal fluctuation** over the whole period.

... verb [in which an adverb is hidden] ...

Example:

The figures **plunged** from 10.000 to 1000 between 2000 and 2001.