

Graphs and statistics language

Direction of Change : VERBS/NOUNS : UP+DOWN + NO CHANGE

VERBS



To increase
To go up
To rise
To grow
To shoot up/rocket
To climb
To improve
To recover
To take off
To reach a peak
To peak



to decrease
to go down
to fall
to drop
to plummet
to shrink
to deteriorate
to collapse/slump
to slip / decline

to remain stable
to remain constant
to stay the same



to stabilise
to level off
to plateau out/top out
to bottom out
to fluctuate

NOUNS

an increase
an upward trend
a rise
growth
a rocketing/a taking off
an improvement
a recovery
a peak

a decrease
a downward trend
a fall
a decline
a collapse
a deterioration
a drop
a worsening

a stable period
stability
a levelling off
a topping out

fluctuation

Size and Speed of Change

To indicate the size and speed of the change you are talking about, use adverbs or adjectives :

ADJECTIVE + NOUN	a gradual increase	a sudden rise	a steady
improvement	a considerable drop	a slight decline	a slow recovery
Rapid growth	a significant increase	a sharp drop	a dramatic increase

VERB + ADVERB

To increase gradually	to rise suddenly	to improve steadily	to drop
considerably	to decline slightly	to recover slowly	to rise sharply

Prepositions

To be at 5%	to rise from 4% to 5%	to increase BY 2% / an increase OF 2%
To rise to 6%	to fluctuate between 8 and 10	an increase IN sales/demand