# **TYPES OF CHARTS/GRAPHS**



### VERBS USED TO DESCRIBE TRENDS AND MOVEMENTS IN GRAPHS

- a) ↑ **UPWARD TRENDS:** increase, go up, rise (rise, rose, risen), grow (grow, grew, grown), reach a peak/high, exceed, climb, soar, double, multiply...
- b) **DOWNWARD TRENDS:** decrease, go down, fall (fall, fell, fallen), drop (drop, dropped, dropped), reach a low, plunge, slump, falter, depreciate, to slip back...
- c)  $\rightarrow$  **STABILITY, NO CHANGE:** hold steady, be stable, stabilize, remain constant/steady, to even out...
- d) ∩ CHANGE OF DIRECTION: fluctuate, recover, crash, collapse...

a sudden rise (in)	to rise suddenly
a sharp drop (in)	to drop sharp <b>ly</b>
a slight fall (in)	to fall slight <b>ly</b>
a moderate decrease (in)	to decrease moderately
gentle, gradual, steady, dramatic, steep	gently, gradually, steadily, dramatically, steeply

### ADJECTIVES AND ADVERBS DESCRIBING INTENSITY

## PREPOSITIONS

- a) a rise IN sales; a fall IN profits; a drop IN market; a decrease IN sales; a plunge IN sales; a downward trend was noticed/recorded IN the retail sales IN 2021
- b) to rise FROM 50 euros TO 100 euros; to fall FROM 200 dollars TO 150 dollars
- c) the price is AT £2.4; sales are AT last year's level
- d) Tesco's sales were up 14% TO £18
- e) to increase the price BY / OF 15%
- f) to increase the price **BY / TO** 23,000
- g) Germany's August sales fell **FOR** the third month **IN** a row (**FOR** the third consecutive month)
- h) a downward trend is noticed in the retail sales IN 2010
- i) IN the second half OF 2005, IN the first quarter of 2020
- j) in the period **BETWEEN** March **AND** June
- k) **IN** what period...?
- l) **FOR** how long...?

#### **EXAMPLE OF A GRAPH DESCRIPTION**





In the period between Feb 1999 and Jan 2000, an upward trend was recorded in the growth rate of retail sales peaking at x% at the end of the observed period. Having reached a low towards the end of January 1999, retail sales started rising in February, slipped back in March and remained stable at x% throughout April. A sharp increase to x% is visible in early May followed by an abrupt drop to x% in June. Retail sales climbed back to x% in July. They went up mildly in August and continued rising in September.









