| 1) Bar/column chart | 2) Stacked bar chart |
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|  |  |
| 3) Pie chart |  |

## VERBS USED TO DESCRIBE TRENDS AND MOVEMENTS IN GRAPHS

a) $\uparrow$ UPWARD TRENDS: increase, go up, rise (rise, rose, risen), grow (grow, grew, grown), reach a peak/high, exceed, climb, soar, double, multiply...
b) $\downarrow$ 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) $\cap$ CHANGE OF DIRECTION: fluctuate, recover, crash, collapse...

## ADJECTIVES AND ADVERBS DESCRIBING INTENSITY

| a sudden rise (in) | to rise suddenly |
| :---: | :---: |
| a sharp drop (in) | to drop sharply |
| a slight fall (in) | to fall slightly |
| a moderate decrease (in) | to decrease moderately |
| gentle, gradual, steady, dramatic, steep... | gently, gradually, steadily, dramatically, steeply... |

## 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 $14 \% \mathbf{T O} £ 18$
e) to increase the price $\mathbf{B Y} / \mathbf{O F} 15 \%$
f) to increase the price $\mathbf{B Y} / \mathbf{T O} 23,000$
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

## Retail sales



In the period between Feb 1999 and Jan 2000, an upward trend was recorded in the growth rate of retail sales peaking at $\mathrm{x} \%$ 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 $\mathrm{x} \%$ throughout April. A sharp increase to $\mathrm{x} \%$ 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.

EXERCISE: DESCRIBE THE TRENDS AND MOVEMENTS OF GIVEN GRAPHS


Figure 1. Annual Sales of hardware and software


First year university students and the subjects they took by gender 1980


Figure 2. International students on a pre-sessional course at Southfield University

## Time spent on smartphones and tablets, by category

## Smartphones



Tablets


