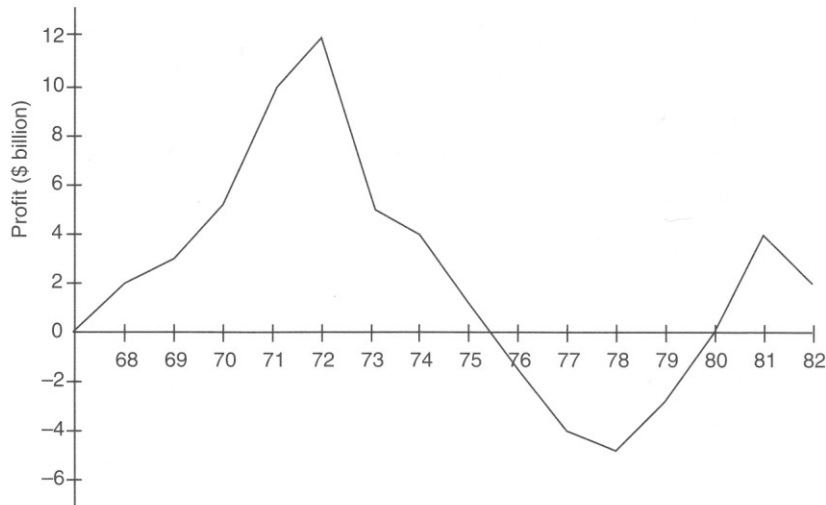


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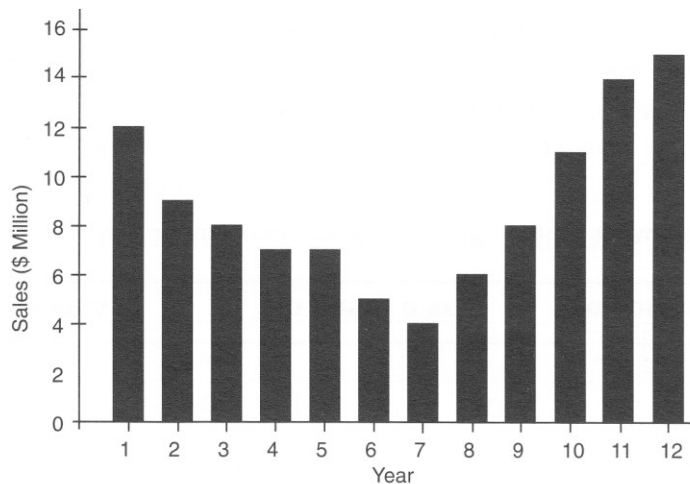
Complete the descriptions of the graphs. Several answers are possible.

GRAPH 1 Profits 1967–1982



The company came out of the red in 1968 after which there was a (1) in profits every year for four years. Profits reached (2) in 1972, but in 1973, the year of the oil crisis, there was a (3) The (4) trend in 1974 was smaller, but after that profits continued to (5) for four years. The company made a \$5 billion loss in 1978, after which the figures (6) for three years, before (7) again in 1982.

GRAPH 2 Sales Years 1–12



The year after we took over the company sales were good, at \$12m, but the second year they (1) In fact, they dropped (2) 25%. Sales (3) for another two years, (4) for one year, and then (5) again twice. Since then, there has been a (6) growth for five years. In fact in just four years, sales rose (7) \$4m (8) \$14m, an increase (9) 250%.