

LEAP...ADVANCE...JUMP...SKYROCKET...SOAR...AXE...CUT...EASE...PLUMMET...SLASH...DIVE...  
SURGE

- 1, Car seatbelts design..... since 1950. There is nearly 80% chance to stay alive, when we have an accident.
- 2, GM ..... to black numbers after just one month under the new management.
- 3, The stock price of oil in 1973 ..... to its record level.
- 4, The CEO claims, that stock value will ..... to \$212 after this unexpected event.
- 5, If Central bank wants to cool down the overheated economy very quickly, interest rate .....
- 6, CFO found out, that internet providing in Zimbabwe is unprofitable. So we .....this service.
- 7, Czech Republic should ..... spending and save more money for future generations.
- 8, The share price of BMW ..... after the board of members announced bigger dividend.
- 9, According to Forbes, the wealth of Bill Gates ..... to only \$50.
- 10, There is only one option, we need to close one of our two factories. This will ..... our production by 50%.
- 11, BP stock value ..... from \$600 to only \$100 after the accident in Caribbean sea.
- 12, Thanks to this new model, our sales ..... from \$10 000 000 to \$20 000 000 per month.

**Key:** advanced, jumped, skyrocketed, leap, soar, axed, eased, plummet, slash, dived, has surged

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Complete the gaps using all the verbs below. Use them in the appropriate form:

AXE            SLASH            SOAR            PLUMMET            LEAP  
EASE            SKYROCKETCUT            DIVE            JUMP  
SURGE            ADVANCE

1. Stock market trading \_\_\_\_\_ slightly today.
2. Supermarkets \_\_\_\_\_ drastically \_\_\_\_\_ prices.
3. Share prices \_\_\_\_\_ today to a three-month low.
4. Profits \_\_\_\_\_ by 15% last year.
5. Sanctions against the country should be \_\_\_\_\_.
6. Sales \_\_\_\_\_ 43% this quarter.
7. Earnings per share \_\_\_\_\_ from 24.5p to 14.6p.

8. Unemployment has \_\_\_\_\_.
9. The value of exports \_\_\_\_\_ last year, recording an all-time high.
10. Almost 1,000 jobs \_\_\_\_\_.
11. The number of calls we got \_\_\_\_\_.
12. The budget \_\_\_\_\_ by £3 million.

### Solution

1. advanced
2. are cutting
3. plummeted
4. jumped
5. eased
6. have leapt
7. dived
8. soared
9. surged
10. were axed
11. skyrocketed
12. had been slashed