

Verbs of decrease

- slacken
- slow down

- fall back
- go down
- decrease
- drop back
- decline
- slip

- stay the same/at the same level
- remain unchanged
- level out/off
- flatten out
- stagnate

- plunge
- plummet
- slump
- tumble
- collapse

The figure fell from 80% to 60%
Production fell by 25%

- bottom out
- hit/reach a low (point)
- hit/reach rock bottom

Nouns of decrease

- a slackening

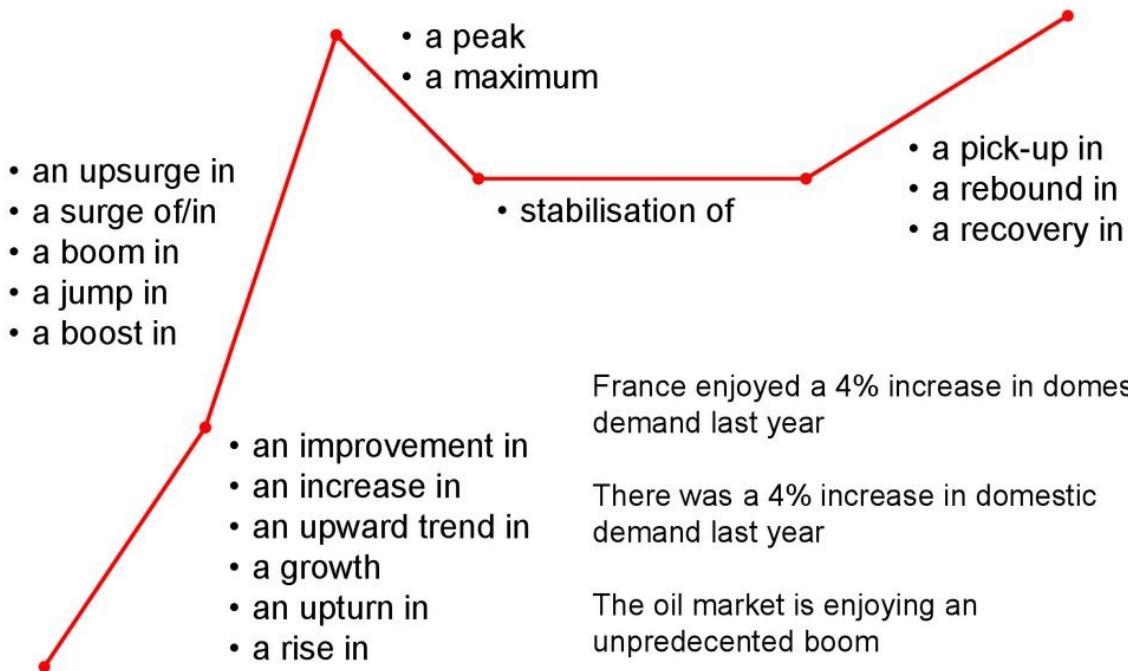
- a fall in
- a decrease in
- a decline in
- a drop in
- a downturn in
- a downward trend
- a fall off
- a reduction in

- to be at a standstill

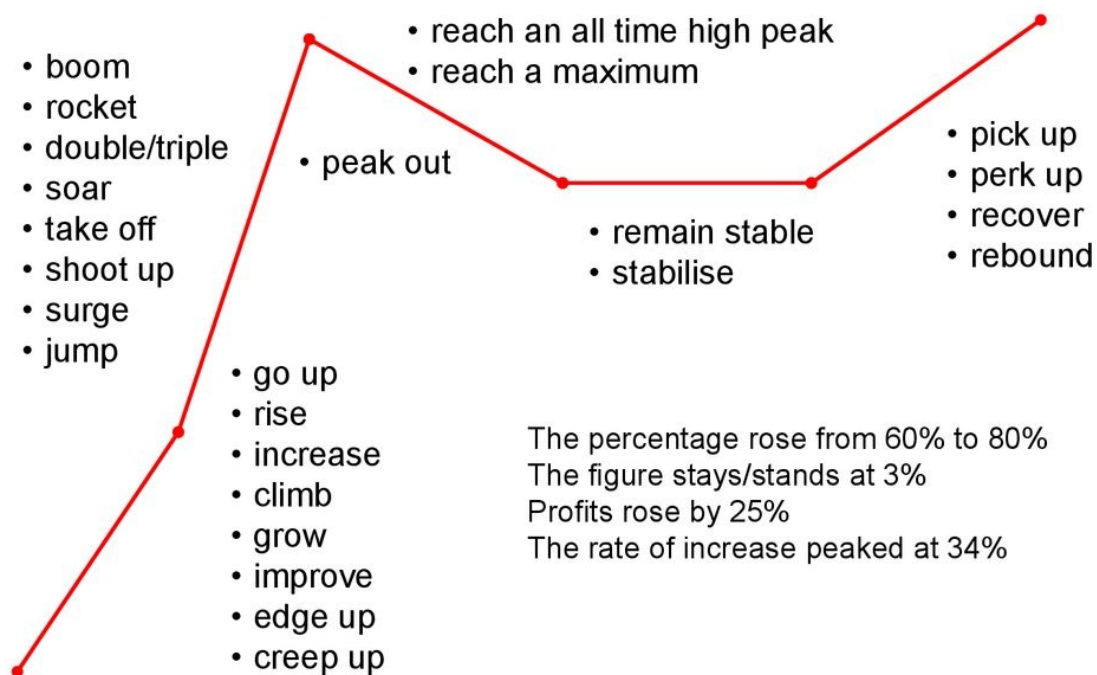
- a slump in
- a collapse of
- a tumble

There was a reduction in investment in March
Last year saw a steady decline in profits

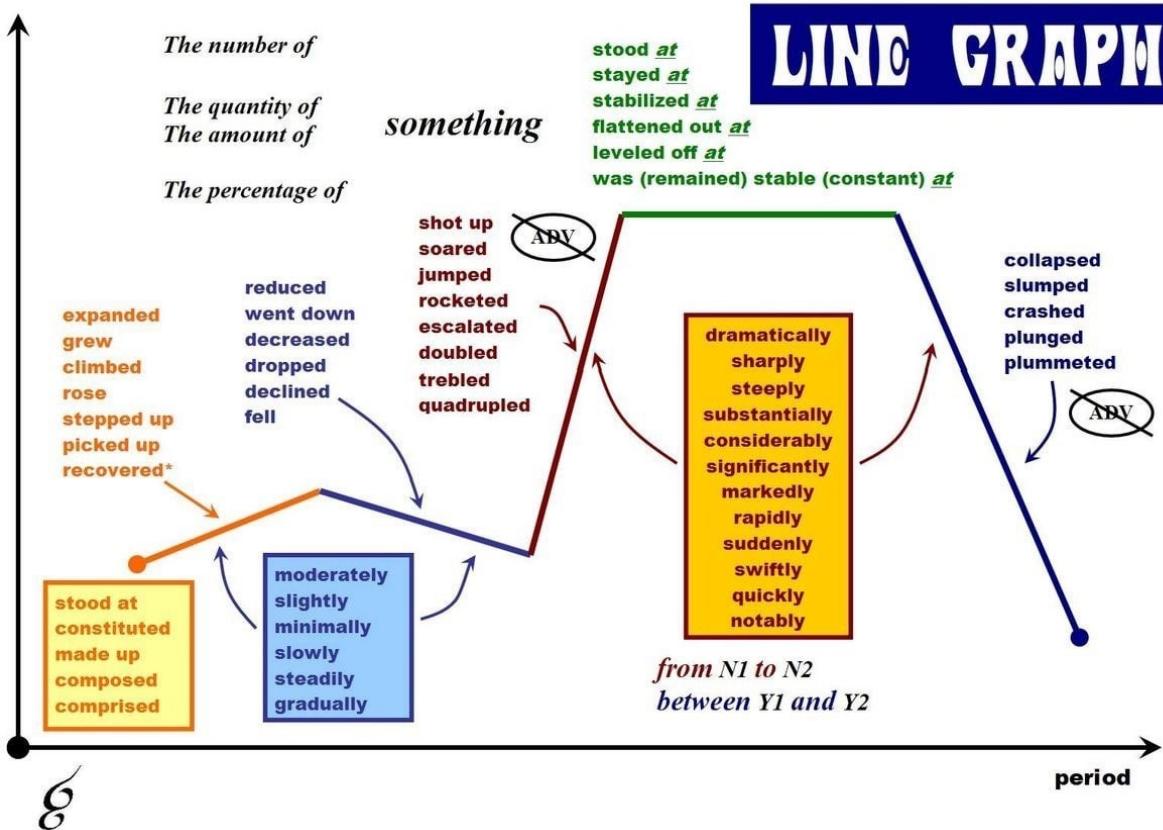
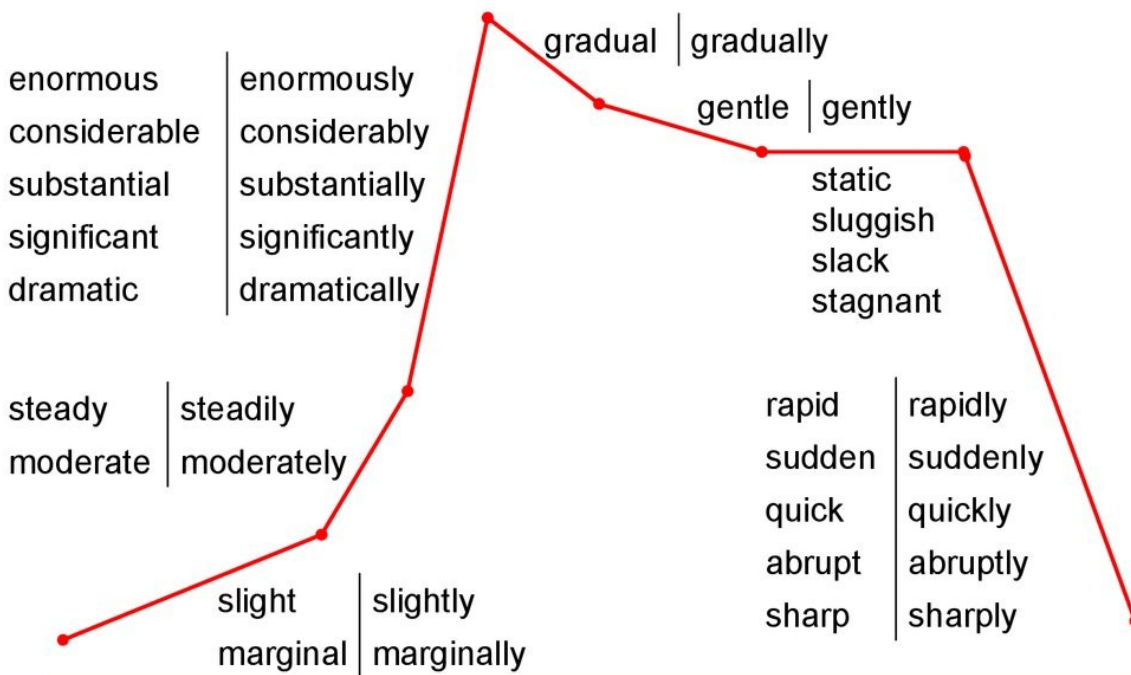
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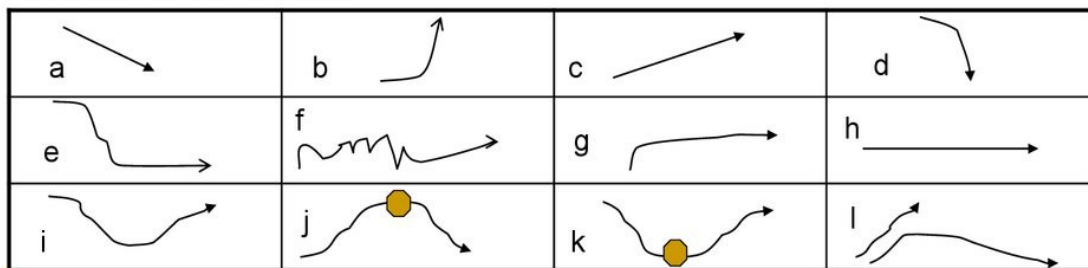


Scale and Speed of Change

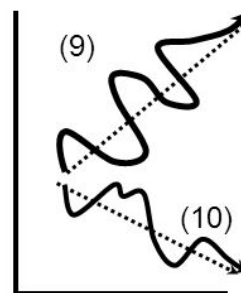
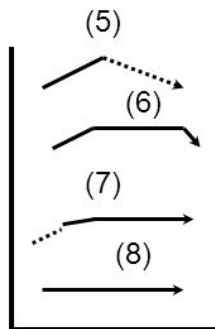
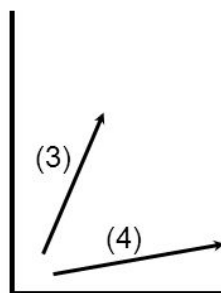
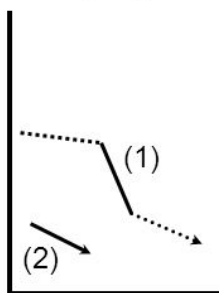


Exercise

- The market is showing some signs of growth
- The market is extremely volatile
- The pound slipped back against the dollar
- The Swiss franc is staging a recovery
- The lira lost ground slightly
- There has been a dramatic downturn in the market
- There has been an upsurge of interest in gold
- The share price bottomed out at 115p
- Sugar peaked at \$400 a ton
- Profit will level off at around L1
- Sales hit an all-time low
- There has not been much improvement in the price of tin



CHECK → a) Look at the graphs and match the phrases used in statistical writing to the corresponding information in the graph.



- a sudden fall or drop
- to reach a peak
- an upward trend
- to remain constant
- to rise steadily or to increase gradually

- a downward trend
- a dramatic increase
- a drop/ fall/ decrease/ decline
- to level off/ out
- to reach a plateau