

Describing Graphs and Trends

Trend verbs

Go Up

Rise
Increase
Skyrocket
Shoot up
Grow

Go Down

Fall
Decrease
Drop
Plunge
Slump

Stay the Same

Remain Stable
Stay Steady
Level off
Stagnate

Special

Recover
Peak
Bottom Out
Dip

Adjectives and adverbs of Degree

Slow/Little _____ Fast/Large

Slight (ly)

Slow (ly)

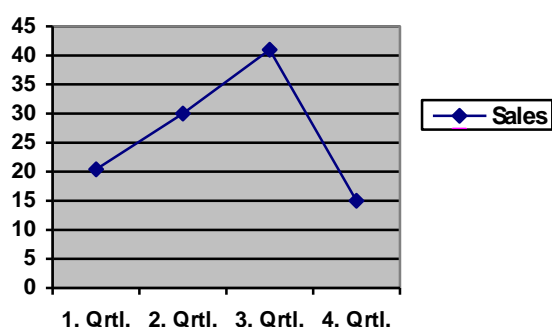
Considerable (.ly)

Significant (ly)

Sharp (ly)

Rapid (ly)

Adjective or adverb?



Sales rose **steadily** from the first to third quarter but there was a **sharp** drop in the 4th quarter.

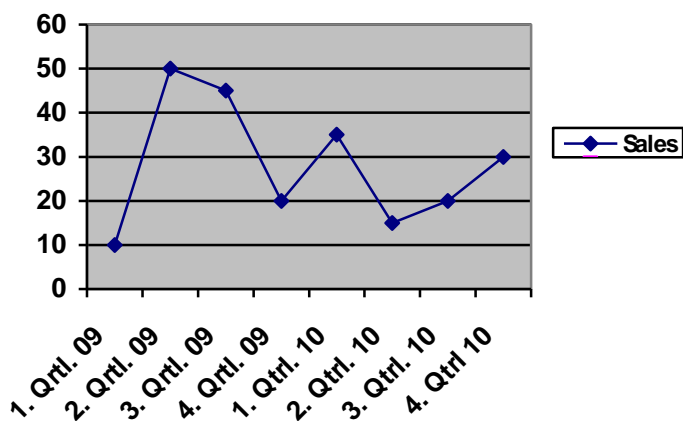


Adverb – how did sales rise?



Adjective – what kind of drop was it?

You try – describe the movement in sales over the year:



Prepositions

Sales increased **to** \$2 million in 2009

Sales increased **by** \$2million in 2009

} What would you prefer?

Increased **to** \$2 million dollars = sales are at a level of \$2 million dollars

Increased **by** \$2 million dollars = sales increased \$2 million dollars in the period

Graphs and Trends Practice

Draw the following graphs:

- 1) Costs increased steadily but leveled off in the 4th quarter
- 2) Sales fell sharply in the first and second quarter but recovered in the third and fourth quarter.
- 3) Prices remained constant all year except for a slight dip in the 3rd quarter
- 4) Sales increased all year but stagnated in the 4th quarter

