

Example:

In 2000, there was a sharp decrease in the GDP growth of the United States economy.

This sentence uses **an adjective** + **a noun** to describe the GDP growth activity. Let's try structuring this sentence another way:

In 2000, the GDP growth of the economy of the United States decreased sharply.

This sentence uses **a verb** + **an adverb** to describe the same activity. **If you show that you can accurately use a variety of sentence structures in your IELTS writing, you will get a higher band score.** Let's practice changing the structure of the sentences below:

Exercise:

Change the sentence structure of the sentences 1 – 3 from *verb + adverb* to *noun + adjective*:

1. The GDP growth of the US rose significantly throughout 1997.

2. The GDP growth of the US economy decreased sharply in 2000.

3. Japan’s GDP growth percentage increased slightly to 16 percent in 1997.

Change the sentence structure of sentences 4 – 6 from *noun + adjective* to *verb + adverb*:

4. In 1998, there was a slight fall in Japan’s GDP expansion to around 9%.

5. After 1998, there was a sharp rise in Japan’s GDP growth, to around 22%.

6. There was a steady increase in the GDP growth of other Asian countries between 1996 and 1998.
