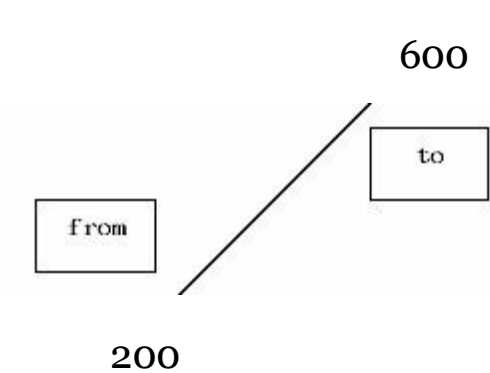


There are several different ways to describe the information here.

- The number **of** tourists rose **from** 200 **to** 600 **between** January and February.

If you are describing the **starting point** and **finishing point**, use the prepositions **from** and **to**.



- The number **of** tourists rose **by** 400 **between** January and February.

If you are describing the **change** (600-200=400), then use the preposition **by**.

by

(400)

600

200

- The number **of** tourists declined **to** almost 2000 **by** December.

If you are referring to a trend which **ends** at a specific point, use the preposition **by**.

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Number of Tourists Visiting New Zealand in 2000



Exercise: Using the line graph above, fill in the blanks in the following essay with the correct prepositions (of, in, to, from, by):

The line graph shows the amount _____ foreign tourists visiting New Zealand _____ the year 2000, measured in thousands of people. The graph is divided into twelve months. Overall, the number of tourists was highest _____ July and lowest _____ December and January.

In January, the number of tourists was around one thousand for the month, then increased slightly throughout February, reaching around three thousand _____. March. _____ April, the number of tourists visiting New Zealand had risen _____ five thousand and continued _____ increase gradually _____. May and June, when it reached approximately seven thousand. From there, the number of tourists increased dramatically, reaching a peak in July _____ around twelve thousand tourists, the highest number of any month shown. After July, the number of tourists decreased _____ just over ten thousand in August. _____ September, the number of tourists had increased again slightly _____ around eleven thousand, but then began _____ decrease again after September. Tourist numbers declined markedly in October _____ around seven thousand, then increasing _____ eight thousand in November. Between November and December, the number of tourists visiting New Zealand decreased significantly _____ around two thousand _____ the end of the year.