IT Matters: Unit 5 Communication: Graphs and charts, pp. 56-57

Situation: You are part of the IT Security team at AGM Bank in London. Like many banks, AGM Bank is under constant attack from cybercriminals.
➜   You give a presentation about the trends and cost of cybercrime.

1)   Listening to trends in cybercrime

You attend a presentation by the Head of IT Security about cybercrime at AGM Bank during the previous year. Here are the descriptions of the trends given by the Head of Security:

1)   In general, the number of detected attacks   last year, with some …

2)   The number   in February...

3)   After it   in March, it levelled off and
       until May.

rose steadily
declined slightly
increase sharply
remained steady
fell drastically
jumped sharply
decrease marginally
grew gradually
stayed the same

4)   In June, attacks   and that was the peak for the
       year.

5)   Strangely, they   the next month to only 9.76
       million.

6)   Following that through in July, the number of attacks
       in August and then

7)   The number of attacks then   over last quarter of
       the year, then   from November to December.

2)   Describing cyberattack figures

You and your colleagues are discussing the figures for cyberattacks over the last two days at a regular team meeting. It Matters, p.135 **partner A**/p.136 **partner B**

3)   Analysing the cost of cybercrime

You attend a presentation about the cost of cybercrime at AGM Bank last year.

1)   Phishing and social engineering accounted for   of costs.

2)   Malicious code costs us   as much as malware.

about a tenth
roughly three times
Just under a fith
Approximately a quarter
just over half
In the region of two-thirds

3)   of cost came from web-based attacks

4)   is caused by viruses and worms.

5)   Malicious insiders, web-based attacks and malicious code made up
       of the costs incurred.

6)   of costs came from malicious insiders, web-based
       attacks, malicious code and phishing and social engineering.

7) Web-based attacks, malicious code make up
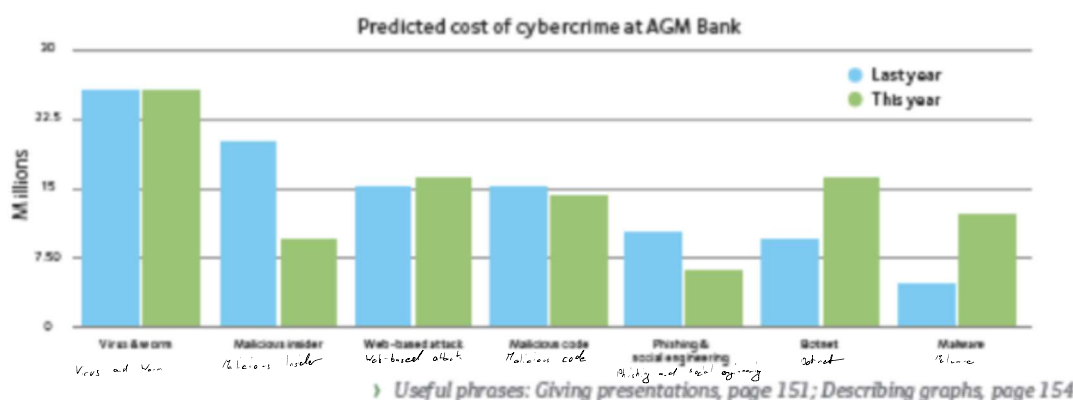   of costs incurred.

8) Web-based attacks costs us   as much as phishing & social engineering.

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4) Giving a presentation on cybercrime

Prepare a presentation about trends and costs of cybercrime. Your presentation should include the following information for each attack type:
- the costs incurred
- the change from last year to this year

Predicted cost of cybercrime at AGM Bank

> Useful phrases: Giving presentations, page 151; Describing graphs, page 154

Introducing topics – Which phrase would you prefer to start this presentation?

☐ I'm sure some of you have already heard about […], but for those who haven't I would like to briefly go over the basics.

☒ The subject of […] is certainly not new to anyone here. Let me explain which aspects I'll be addressing today.

☐ This topic is quite new to all of us. I'm going to introduce the most basic concepts today.

☐ We're all experts so I'll skip the basics and delve right in the middle of the issues at hand…

☐ Today, we'll be talking about…

For your notes:

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For further studies…
How to describe charts, graphs, and diagrams in the presentation (preply.com)
Useful tips and vocabulary to describe a graph or chart in IELTS Writing Task 1 (ieltsmaterial.com)