

Upward: go up, increase, rise, raise, put up (= raise), climb, pick up, grow, expand, double, show an upward trend

Rapid upward: jump, rocket, soar, take off

Downward: go down, decrease, fall, drop, slip back, reduce, lower, bring down (= lower), cut, shrink, halve, show a downward trend

Rapid downward: plummet, collapse, crash, slump

Highs and lows: peak, reach a peak; bottom out, hit a low

Volatility: fluctuate, be volatile

Stability: stay the same, be flat, be (relatively) unchanged; level off / out

Good and bad: improve (= get better), strengthen, recover, bounce back; deteriorate (= get worse), weaken

Single points: be above / below, stand at

States: be up / down

Graph, chart, bar chart, pie chart, table, diagram

Title, row / column (with headings), horizontal axis (labeled with months), vertical axis (showing the values for ...)

Curve, solid line, dotted line, dashed line, segment, shaded area, slope (steep or shallow)

As can be seen from the chart, The graph / My next slide shows ..., Looking now at the figures for the third quarter we can see ...

Verbs of movement

Referring to visuals:



TRENDS, GRAPHS AND FIGURES

Action in progress

Present: sales are rising strongly at the moment

Past: sales were rising more strongly last year

Verb forms and uses

Looking back

From the present to the past: sales have risen by 6% this year

From the past to earlier in the past: sales had risen to a high level, but in 2006 the market began to change

Approximate figures

A great deal more than, way over

Somewhat more than, well over

Just over, slightly more than

Around, about, roughly, somewhere in the region of, approximately

Almost, nearly, not quite, just short of

Far less than, nowhere near, nothing like as much as

Linking words

Looking back at an action in progress

Action in progress up to a point in the past: sales had been rising strongly, but then new competitors entered the market

Action in progress up to the present: sales have been rising in all our major markets

See units 20-22.