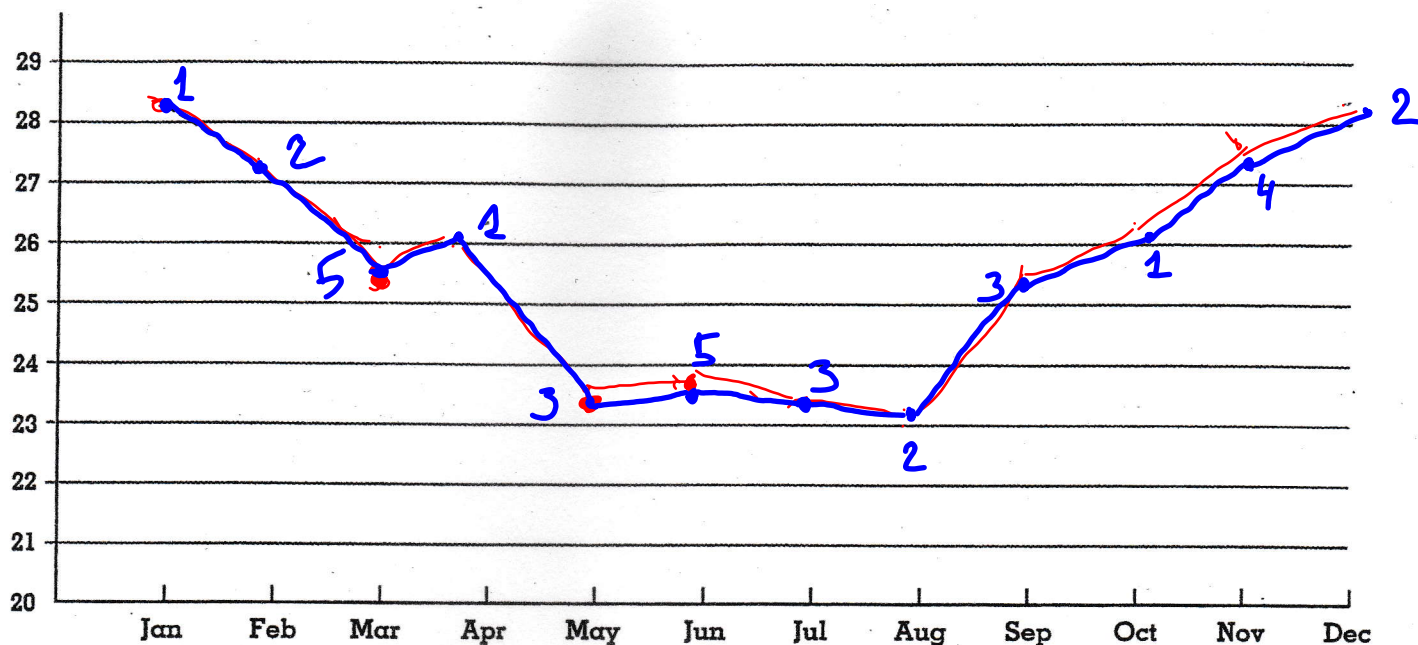


- 3 4.1 Listen to a description of the trends in TV viewing hours in the UK last year. As you listen draw the line graph.

Average weekly hours of TV viewing



- 4 Complete the extract from the description you heard. Use suitable verbs from the box in the correct tense.

decrease drop fall fluctuate go down/up
increase level off reach rise

In January last year the average number of weekly viewing hours stood at 28.1. This figure went down¹ steadily for the next two months, reaching 27.2 in February and 25.5 in March. The number of viewing hours then fluctuated² a little: they rose³ slightly to 26.1 in April. They then dropped⁴ dramatically to 23.3 in May. The figure then increased⁵ very slightly to 23.5 in June and then more or less levelled off⁶ for the summer, which is traditionally the time people watch the least television. The figure went up⁷ slightly back to 23.3 in July and reached⁸ its lowest point in August at 23.2. Average viewing hours increased⁹ sharply in September to 25.3 and then went up¹⁰ more gradually for the rest of the year to 26.1 in October, and 27.4 in November. The figure reached¹¹ its highest point in December at 28.2 hours per week.

- 5 Listen again and check your answers.
6 Work in pairs. Look at the highlighted words in the extract in 4. Are they adjectives or adverbs? How do you know? What is the general rule for forming adverbs?
7 Write the adjectives from these adverbs. Then match the adjectives/adverbs with the type of change they show.

Adverbs	Adjectives	Type of change
1 dramatically	_____	a slow and regular, not sudden
2 sharply	_____	b very small
3 steadily	_____	c sudden, very large, and often surprising
4 gradually	_____	d even and regular
5 slightly	_____	e sudden and rapid