

## LANGUAGES TO DESCRIBE CHANGES

### Verb and noun

Go up	grow /groʊ/	growth /groʊθ/	to increase in size or amount	The labour force is expected to grow by two percent next year. The <b>rapid growth</b> of opposition to the plan has surprised the mayor.
	rocket /'rɒk.ɪt/		to rise extremely quickly	Their team rocketed to the top of the League.
	double /'dʌb.əl/		twice the size, amount, price	I get £5 pocket money a week, but my friends all get <b>double that amount</b> .
	treble /'treb.əl/		three times greater in amount, number, or size	He earns almost treble the amount that I do.
	increase /ɪn'kri:s/	increase	to make something become larger in amount or size	Life expectancy in Europe has <b>increased greatly</b> in the 20th century. Any increase in production would be helpful.
	rise /raɪz/	rise	to move upwards	New buildings are rising (= being built) throughout the city. August has seen a <b>large rise</b> in the number of unemployed.
Go down	plummet /'plʌm.ɪt/		to fall very quickly and suddenly	House prices have plummeted in recent months.
	decline /dɪ'klaɪn/		to gradually become less, worse, or lower	Profits have declined as a result of the recent drop in sales.
	decrease /'di:ˌkri:s/	decrease	to become less a reduction	Our share of the market has decreased <b>sharply</b> this year. There has been a <b>steady</b> decrease in the number of visitors.
	fall /fɑ:l/	fall	to suddenly go down	
	drop	drop	to fall or to allow	The land drops away

	/drop/		something to fall	sharply behind the barrier. There were little drops of paint on the kitchen floor.
	plunge /plʌndʒ/		to (cause someone or something to) move or fall suddenly a sudden movement or fall forward	Cook the peas by plunging them into boiling water. We are expecting a plunge in profits this year.
No change	level off /'lev.əl/ /ɑ:f/		If a rate or amount levels off, it stops rising or falling	House prices now seem to be levelling off after the steep rises of the last few years.
	remain stable /rɪ'meɪn 'steɪ.bəl/			The amount of earnings remained stable last year.
	stabilize /'steɪ.bəl.aɪz/		If something stabilizes, it becomes fixed or stops changing	He suffered a second heart attack two days ago but his condition has now stabilized.
Constant change	fluctuate /'flʌk.tʃu.eɪt/		to change, especially continuously and between one level	Her wages fluctuate between £150 and £200 a week.
Position	Reach a high Reach a peak of Reach a low of			The number of viewers reached a peak of 3.8 million.

## Adverb

Small change	steadily /'sted.əl.i/	Prices have risen steadily.
	slightly /'slaɪt.li/	The pound rose slightly against the dollar today, then settled at \$1.53.
	gradually /'grædʒ.u.ə.li/	The income of Vietnamese is gradually improving.
Large change	considerably /kən'sɪd.ər.ə.bəl/	He's considerably fatter than he was when I knew him.
	sharply /'ʃɑ:p.li/	Inflation has risen/fallen sharply.
	dramatically /drə'mæt.ɪ.kəl.i/	The economic power of many Asian countries has grown dramatically in recent years.
	significantly /'sɪɡ'nɪf.ɪ.kənt.li/	Employment levels are unlikely to rise significantly before the end of next year.

	substantially /səb'stæɪ.n.jəl.i/	House prices have risen substantially over the last six months.
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