

3 Complete the model text below with verbs from the box.

rose contributed (x2) was overtook
was spent is shown came shows

Model text

The chart ¹ shows information about the main sources of funding for scientific research and development (R&D) in the UK. The proportion of national income spent on R&D by country ² is shown in the table.

Between 1999 and 2001, the amount of funding allocated from each source ³ rose very slightly. Approximately half of all investment throughout the period ⁴ came from business, while the government consistently ⁵ contributed around seventeen per cent. It is also noticeable that in eighteen of 1999 overseas spending on R&D in the UK was comparable to the government's, at around seventeen per cent. But for the

last two years it ⁶ overtook government spending in this area.

As regards the proportion of national income allocated to R&D, the highest percentage (2.9 per cent) ⁷ is shown by Japan, followed closely by the USA (2.5 per cent). By contrast, Italy ⁸ contributed the smallest amount of national income to R&D, only 1.1 per cent, significantly below the EU average of 1.81 per cent.

It is interesting to note that although the UK's spending on R&D ⁹ was above the EU average in 1999, it is considerably behind other close trading partners France and Germany.

came from ≠ went on

4 Find examples of adverbs ending in -ly used in the model text.

5 Choose the most suitable adverb in sentences a-h.

Examples

The trend for other countries was completely different.
Government investment rose significantly.

- The government's spending for the past year was significantly higher than before.
- Women have been consistently under-represented in science jobs.
- Workers in highly paid jobs are generally healthier.
- The company's sales are slightly behind its competitors.
- Sales were marginally up on the previous quarter.
- Investment in the arts rose quite considerably.
- Slightly more than half the spending was from the private sector.
- The income for the arts centre was substantially down on the previous year.

6 Match the adverbs a-g below with their opposites 1-7.

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| a well | 1 rapidly |
| b marginally | 2 slightly |
| c approximately | 3 exactly |
| d constantly | 4 badly |
| e slowly | 5 considerably |
| f significantly | 6 partially |
| g completely | 7 erratically |