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| **word** | **Definition** | **Sample Sentence** |
| fluctuate |  |  |
| Ranked first, stood first |  |  |
| Was 2/3 as high as |  |  |
| Approximately, almost |  |  |
| Contribution, percentage, share, proportion |  |  |
| expenditure |  |  |
| * shows the number of people ... = shows how many people ... * depicts changes in spending on ... = depicts how much changed spending on ... |  |  |
| in 2015 Finland outraced Sweden |  |  |
| draws the conclusion of (a survey) |  |  |
| Evenly split |  |  |
| dramatic  steep  significant  considerable  marked  substantial  spectacular |  |  |
| Proportion/ share/ percentage/ |  |  |
| Around their lowest |  |  |
| Early high |  |  |
| The spike is accompanied by a low of |  |  |
| Subsequent rise |  |  |
| It takes the vast majority |  |  |
| 20 tons or just under |  |  |
| Average-> norm/typical |  |  |
| Roughly/barely contributes to |  |  |
| Uplift/ increase/ rise/ climb/ surge/ escalate | Increase in amount |  |
| We see a similar grouping |  |  |
| Lie between |  | The Malaysia and Indonesia flights lie roughly  between these two extremes |
| In terms of |  |  |
| In the 90’s | 90-99 |  |
| In the mid 20% range |  |  |
| proportion |  |  |
| Volume, quantity, amount |  |  |
| Double, treble, tenfold |  | A Fourfold decrease |
| Predict, estimate, forecast, speculate/ forecast |  |  |
| Climbs dramatically |  | The use climbs dramatically towards the end of the week |
| Generally stable |  |  |
| Marked rise/ decline |  |  |
| Is accompanied by |  |  |
| Subsequent rise |  |  |
| Partially follows this pattern |  |  |
| Leveling off |  |  |
| Is matched by |  |  |
| Early high |  |  |
| plummet |  |  |
| dip |  |  |
| gradual |  |  |
| Tail off | Dwindle; gradually decrease in amount or intensity; subside; diminish; fade | the economic boom was beginning to tail off |
| decline |  | The price declined by half |
| surge | a sudden powerful forward or upward movement | the firm predicted a 20% surge in sales |
| abruptly |  |  |
| marginally |  |  |
| Sudden/ steep |  |  |
| plunge | fall suddenly and uncontrollably |  |
| Estimated/ speculated/ forecasted |  |  |
| Monthly, yearly, daily, weekly |  |  |
| tonnage |  |  |
| Average -> typical |  |  |
| escalate | =surge |  |
| Data <-> information |  |  |
| A number of <-> various |  |  |
| Rise, fall, peak, climb, spike |  |  |
| Roughly stable |  |  |
| Slight climb |  |  |
|  *gives reason why* (only if graph provides reasons for smth)   *explains why* (only if graph provides explanation for smth)   *compares* (only if several items are compared) |  |  |
| Substantial increase |  |  |