

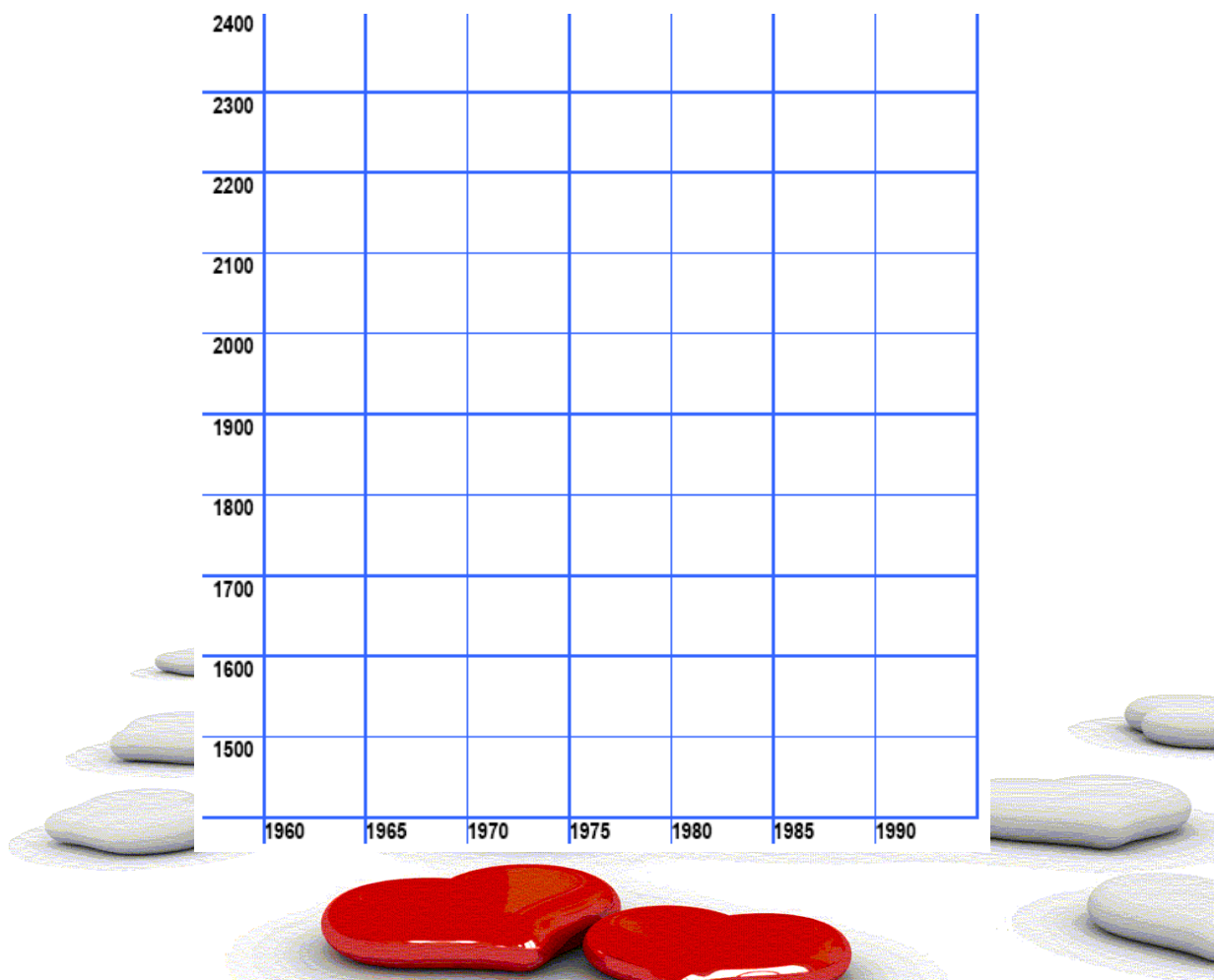
## Describing trends



Listening 2.1 Click here to access listening.

Listen to a description of marriage trends in Europe between 1960 and 1989. As you listen, draw the graph. (IntExpInt-U4)

Number of marriages in Europe (in 000s)



Complete the text below based on the description you just heard.

The graph shows ..... In 1960 the total number of marriages  
 1 ..... at 2 ..... This figure 3 ..... **gradually**, reaching 2.3m in  
 1964. In the next two years it 4 ..... around 2.27 m, then it 5 .....  
**sharply** and 6 ..... a peak of 2.38 m in 1972. Between 1972 and 1985, the number  
 of marriages 7 ..... **steadily**. It 8 ..... to 2.1 m in 1977, then  
 9 ..... even further to 2m in 1980. The downturn continued and the number  
 10 ..... to its lowest figure of 1.85 m in 1985. Then the trend changed. In the  
 following year, it 11 ..... **slightly**, then it 12 ..... to 1.9 m in 1987. The  
 13 ..... continued, 14 ..... 1.95m in 1989. So if we  
 15 ..... the 16 ..... trend for the three decades, there was a  
 17 ..... from 1960-1972, followed by a 18 ..... over  
 the next twelve years, and finally, a 19 ..... over the last five years.