

## **Task 1\_Lesson 2**

### **Learning objectives**

- **To describe  $a > b > c$**
- **To describe trend**
- **To compare trend**

➤ To describe  $a > b > c$  : a is bigger than b, b is bigger than c

## 1. Structures

pick up one expression from column 2, one from column 3

**set 1:  $a > b > c$ : column 2 + column 3 + By contrast+column 2 ( smallest)**

e.g. **Beef** was by far the **most popular** of these foods, with 225 grams consumed. **This is followed by the consumption of lamb**, with 70 grams consumed. **By contrast**, fish was the least favoured food, only 50grams were consumed.

**set 2:  $a > b > c$ : column 2 + column 3 + By contrast+column 2**

e.g. The **consumption of beef ranked No.1** among all meats, at 225 grams, about 140 grams **more than that of lamb**. By contrast, the **consumption of fish** stood at the bottom (50 grams) .

**set 3:  $a > b > c$ : column 2 + column 3 + By contrast+column 2**

e.g. **People** consumed 225 grams beef, nearly **tripling** the **consumption of lamb**. By contrast, **fish was least favoured**, only 50 grams were consumed.

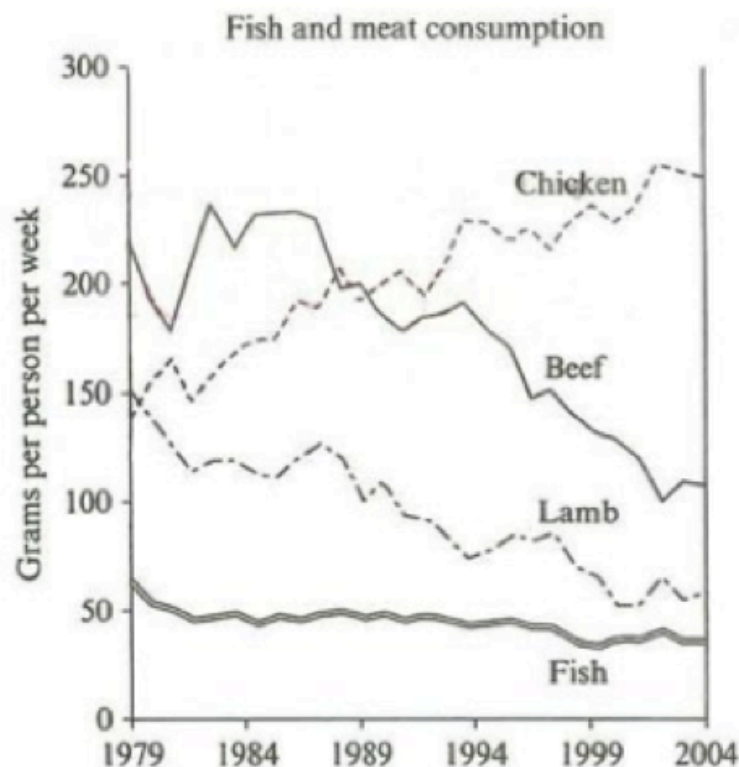
	food expenditure	clothes expenditure	leisure expenditure
UK			
Japan			
Australia			
US			

Largest/ smallest	largest examples	second largest
item+most/least + adj.	<p><b>most/least popular</b></p> <p><b>Beef</b> was by far <b>the most popular</b> of these foods, <b>with</b> about 225 grams <b>consumed</b>.</p> <p><b>dominant (原因) = main (describe reasons, sources, purposes)</b></p> <p>Petrol and oil are the dominant fuel sources.</p> <p>Agriculture is the dominant purpose of water usage.</p> <p><b>other adjectives:</b> popular; most favoured; most preferred; most liked;</p>	<p><b>1.This is followed by ..+ quantity</b></p> <p><b>Beef 225; lamb 70;</b></p> <p>Beef was by far the most popular of these foods, with about 225 grams consumed. <b>This was followed by the consumption of lamb</b>, with 70 grams consumed. (70grams)</p> <p><b>2.Compare: ... more than .. / ... times</b></p> <p>Beef was the most popular of these foods, with about 225 grams consumed, <b>approximately 140 grams more than lamb</b>,</p> <p><b>, nearly tripling the consumption of lamb</b>, the second-most popular meat.</p> <p><b>,which nearly triples ..</b></p> <p><b>, about three times as the amount of lamb consumed.</b></p> <p><b>3.takes the second place</b> Beef was by far the most popular of these foods, with about 225 grams consumed. <b>Lamb took second place, with 70 grams consumed.</b></p>
adj+est is item	<p>The <b>most popular food</b> is beef.</p> <p>The <b>dominant fuel</b> sources are petrol and oil.</p>	
quantity + <b>greatest/ most ..</b> <b>quantity:</b> <b>property of a phenomenon</b>	<p><b>The consumption of beef</b> was greatest, <b>at+number</b> ( at 225 grams in 1980)</p> <p><b>quantity:</b></p> <p><b>length; opening date; expenditure</b></p>	
quantity+ranked <b>No. 1/ at the bottom</b>	<b>The consumption of fish ranked number one</b> among all countries.	
<b>Country/People +verb.+</b> item+adj. ..	<p><b>Turkish spent most money in</b></p> <p><b>Australia used coal</b> as the main source of electricity.</p>	

## 2. Expression to describe: Times

<p><b>Verbs</b></p> <p><b>Double: twice</b>  <b>Triple: 3 times</b>  <b>Quadruple: 4 times</b></p> <p><b>Quantity</b> + double/triple/quadruple+<b>that</b> of ...B</p>	<p>e.g.  <b>beef consumption 40 grams</b>  <b>lamb consumption 20 grams</b>  <b>year: 2000</b></p> <p><b>Beef consumption</b> was 40 grams, which doubled <b>that (the consumption)</b> of lamb in 2000.</p> <p><b>beef consumption: 20 grams -40 grams</b></p> <p><b>Beef doubled its consumption.</b></p>
<p><b>Times</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. A (item) quantity  +is...times +that of ..  B</li> <li>2. A quantity +is...times  + more than+ B  quantity</li> <li>3. The amount of A...  (phrase) + is ..times  greater than the  amount of B</li> </ol>	<p><b>beef consumption 10 grams</b>  <b>lamb consumption 50 grams</b></p> <p><b>Lamb consumption is five times that of</b>  beef.</p> <p><b>Lamb consumption is five times more</b>  <b>than</b> the beef consumption.</p> <p><b>The amount of lamb consumed is five</b>  times <b>greater than</b> the amount of beef.</p>

### 3. Practice 1: please use previous expressions to describe consumption in 1979



set 1:  $a > b > c$ : column 2 + column 3 + By contrast + column 2  
( smallest)

#### Example1:

Beef, at 225 grams, was the **most widely consumed** meat in 1979, followed by **chicken and lamb**, which **stood nearly equally at** 150 grams. Meanwhile, fish was the least popular meat, with only about 60 grams eaten.

#### Example2:

Beef was the most popular meat in 1979, with 225 grams consumed, about 70 grams more than chicken and lamb, which were **consumed in similar amounts**. Fish was eaten/ consumed in the smallest amount, **bottoming out** at 60 grams.

#### Example3:

In 1979, beef was the most popular meat, with 225 grams consumed, which **more than tripled** the amount of fish consumed. **The quantities of chicken and lamb** consumed **stood nearly equal at** 150 grams.  
=The quantities of chicken and lamb which were consumed.....

➤ **To describe trend : sentence structures**

**1. describe “increase/ decrease”**

**e.g.**

Beef consumption

Year 1970, 100 grams; Year 1980, 200 grams; in a European country

- **quantity item +verb+adv. (speed)**

The consumption of beef **increased markedly to 200 grams in 1980.**

- **quantity ; country; year + witnessed/experienced/saw a... trend**

**The consumption of beef** experienced a sharp increase to 200 grams in 1980.

**This European country** witnessed an increase **in the consumption of** beef by 1980, when the amount consumed hit 200 grams.

**This period from 1970 to 1980** witnessed an increase **in the consumption of beef** by 1980, when the amount consumed hit 200 grams.

- **There is a ...trend .of + quantity**

**There was a growing trend of beef consumption** by 1980, when the figure stood at 200 grams.

increase/ decrease is to describe the quantity

quantity: consumption; quantity; amount; opening date; lengths ;

## 2. describe “future”

phrases:

the figure will ...

the figure is expected to;  
is projected to;  
is predicted to;

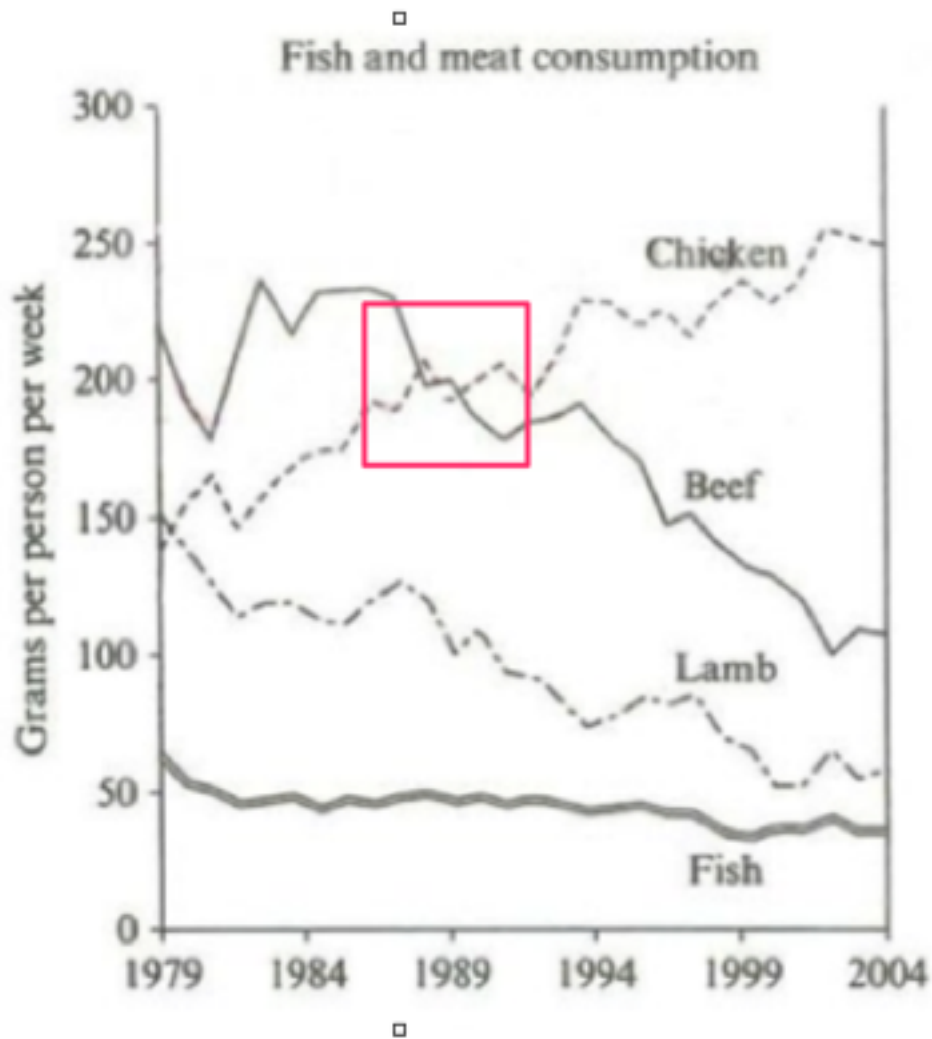
e.g.: Beef consumption:1970, 100 grams; 2030, 200 grams;

**Beef consumption is expected to/ projected to/ predicted to increase to 200 grams by 2030.**

**It is expected that beef consumption will increase to 200 grams by 2030.**

### 3. One line bypasses other lines

The graph below shows the consumption of fish and some different kinds of meats in a European country between 1979 and 2004.



Chicken consumption showed a growing trend, **bypassing lamb in 1980(year) at 150 grams (number)** and **overtaking** beef in 1989 at 200 grams **before** increasing to 250 grams in 2004.

**Structure:** trend, bypassing .. item in .. year at .. number, and ..overtaking ..

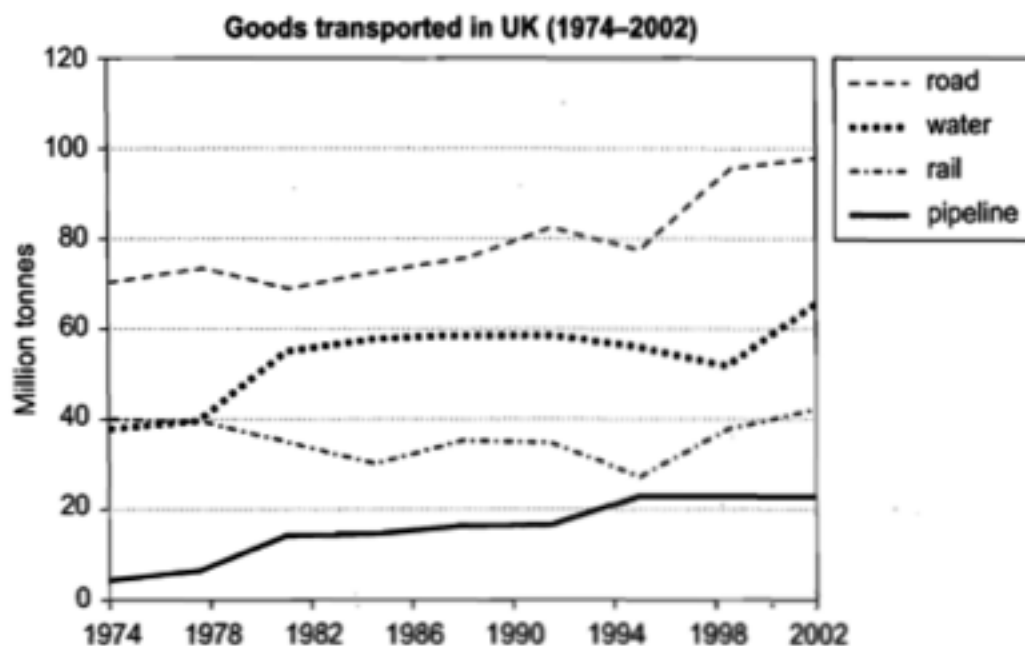
**verbs:** bypass, overtake



#### 4. Describe “ turning point ”

The graph below shows the quantities of goods transported in the UK between 1974 and 2002 by four different modes of transport.

Write at least 150 words.



This . . amount/ figure/ percentage/ proportion

...which+ increase / decrease to ..

before ... /.....,with + verb.ing





When... + complete sentence





This is followed by + an increase to number / a decrease to number


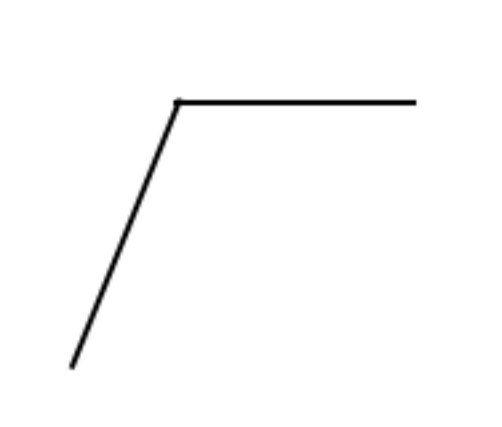

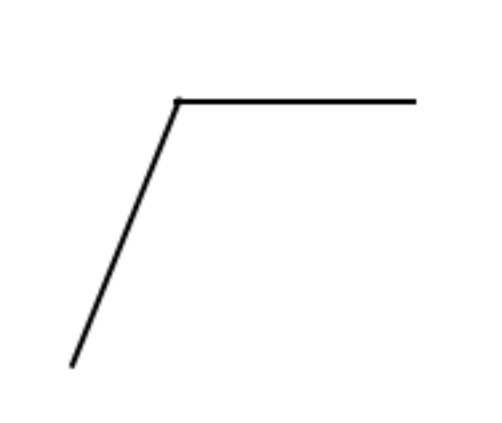
**Rail:** The quantity of goods transported by rail in 1974 was 38 million tonnes. **This amount** remained stable **until** 1978, **when/ after which** it began to drop to 30 million tonnes in 1984 **before** bouncing back ( increase again) to 38 tonnes in 1990. **A slight decrease to** 30 million tonnes **followed, with the figure ultimately rising** to 40 million tonnes in 2002.

**This was followed by** a slight decrease to 30 million tonnes in 1994, **with the figure ultimately rising** to 40 million tonnes in 2002.

## 5. vocabulary to describe “increase/ decrease”

	rise increase grow
	surge peak soar
	fall decrease decline drop dip
	plummet; plunge

	<p>bounce back</p>
	<p>drastically dramatically significantly considerably rapidly</p> <p>increase/decrease drastically</p>
	<p>slightly gently</p> <p>increase slightly decrease slightly</p>
	<p>steadily gradually moderately</p> <p>increase steadily decrease steadily</p>
<p>Point : Figure : 20 grams</p>	<p>stand at ( point) The figure stands at 20 grams.</p>

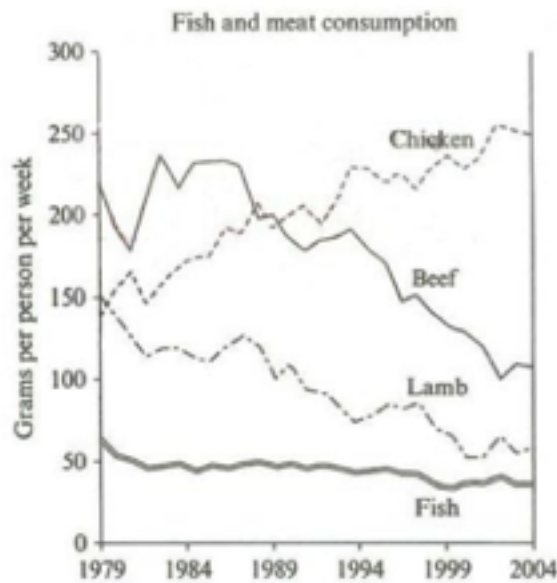
	<p>fluctuate ( verb ) ; fluctuation ( noun)</p>
	<p>peak at + figure reach the highest level at ...</p> <p>plateau at ...+figure</p>
	<p>bottom out at+figure</p>
	<p>level off at + figure = stable at</p>

➤ To compare trends

1. Different lines; different trends

The consumption of chicken **experienced an increasing trend**.  
**Whereas/By contrast/However**, the consumption of lamb trended in the opposite direction. / **showed an opposite trend**.

2. Different lines; same trend; different speed.



**Option1:**

The consumption of lamb decreased moderately to 60 grams. The figure for fish also declined, **but much more slightly, falling to 48 grams**.

**Option2:**

The consumption of lamb and fish both decreased, **with a more drastic drop in the former which reached 60 grams in 2004, while the later only declined to 48 grams that year**.

### 3. Same line, same trend, different speed.

The graph below give information about water use worldwide and water consumption in the different countries.



#### **Domestic use:**

The use of water for domestic purposes was a growing trend, **though** the growth was minimal **until 1950**, **when** it increased more obviously to about 200 km<sup>3</sup> in 2000.

The use of water for domestic purposes was a growing trend, **with** the figure increasing extremely slowly until 1950 but more drastically afterward, **reaching** the level of 200 km<sup>3</sup> in 2000.

( **reaching** was “ **reading**” in the video, which was wrong)

#### **Domestic use and industrial use**

The **amounts** of water used **domestically and industrially** both experienced growing **trends**, **with** the figures increasing at an extremely slow rate before 1950 **but** more dramatically afterward, reaching levels of 200 km<sup>3</sup> and 1000 km<sup>3</sup>, respectively, in 2000.

