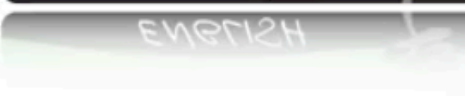




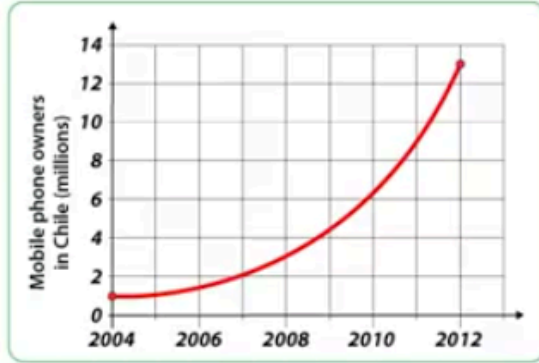
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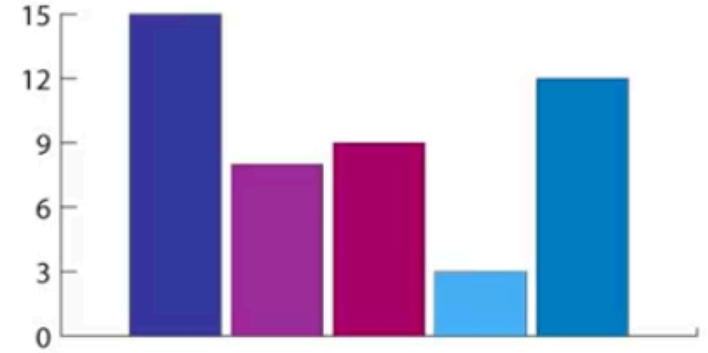
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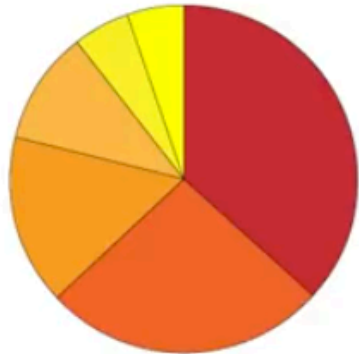
line graph



bar chart



pie chart

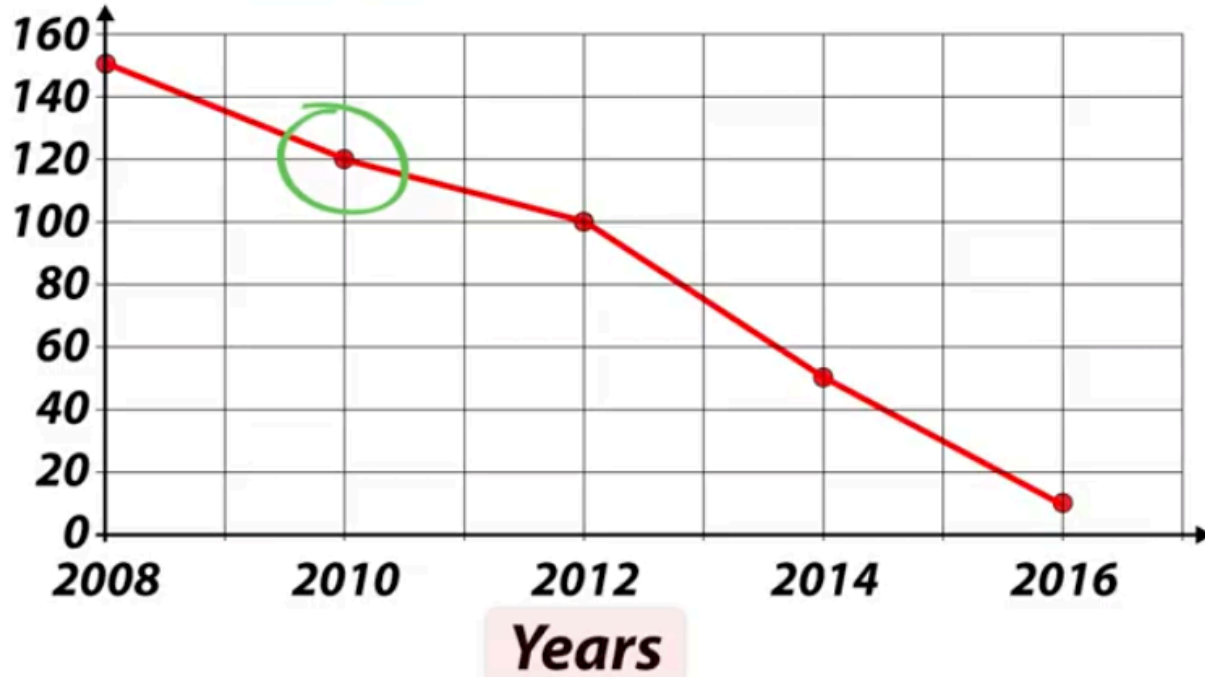
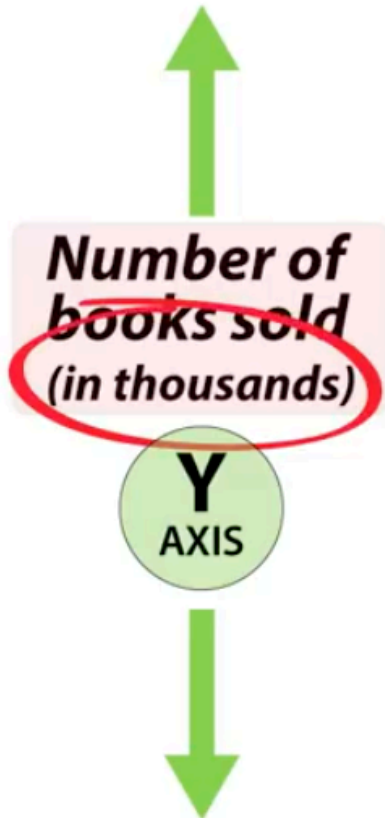


table

COUNTRY	2005	2010	2015
China	2115	1278	2396
Japan	672	825	410
South Korea	179	237	242
Saudi Arabia	0	98	304
TOTAL	2966	2340	3352

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Wally's Grammar Book



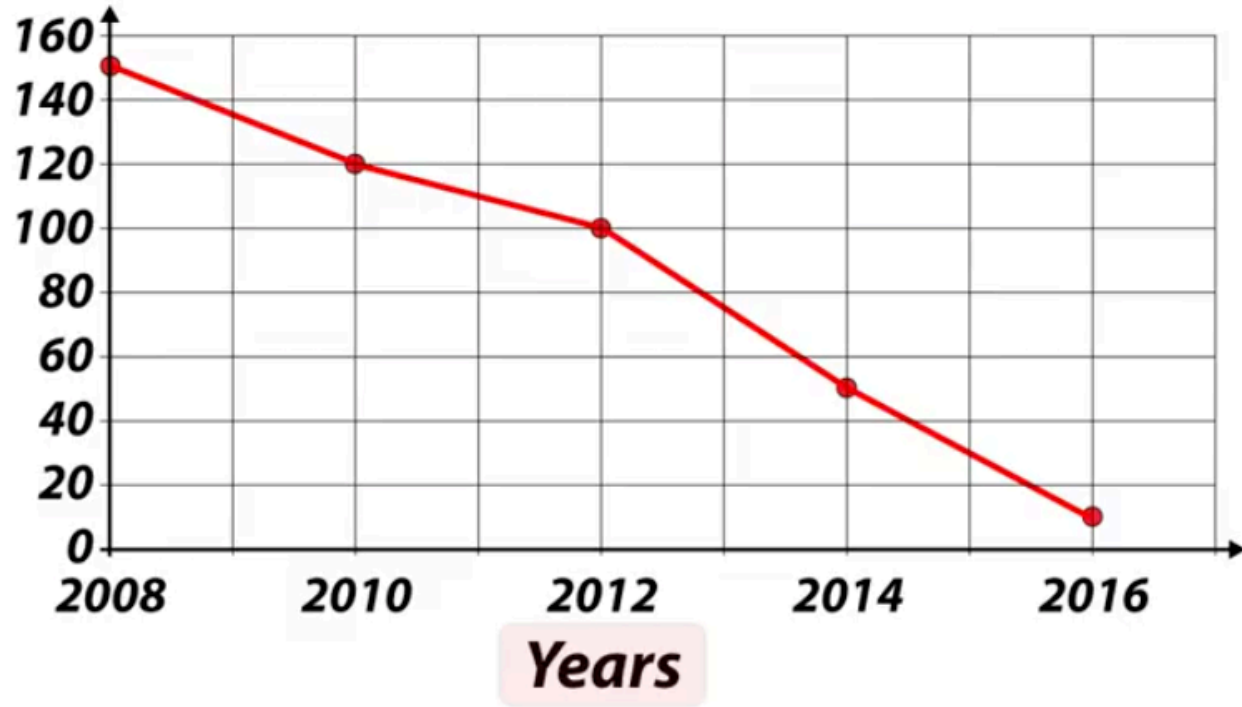
120 books were sold. ❌

120,000 books were sold. ✅

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Wally's Grammar Book

Number of books sold (in thousands)

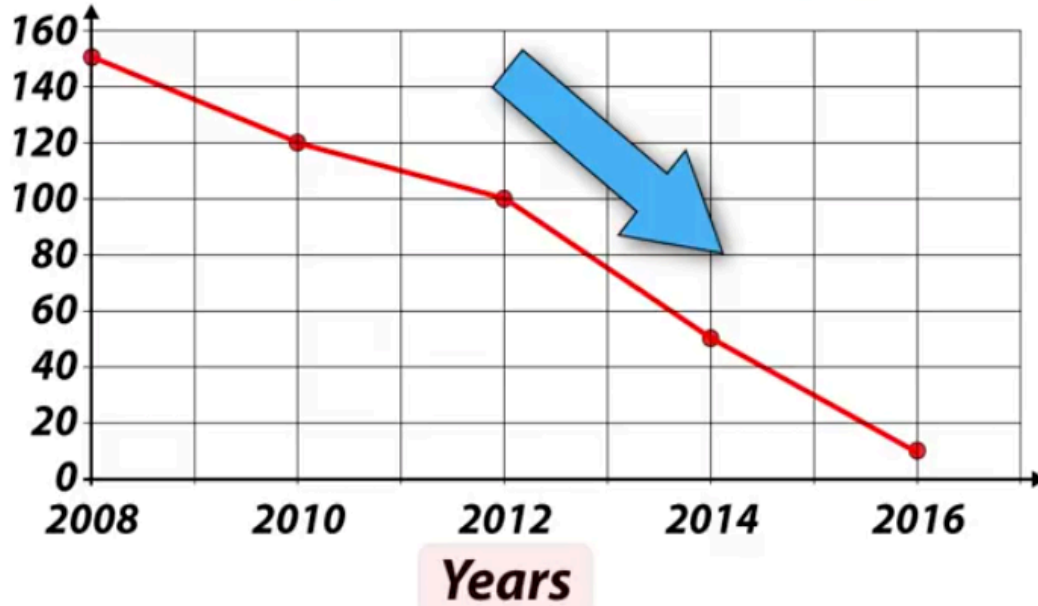


Look at the **GENERAL** features or characteristics.

Do not just repeat the numbers at each time interval.

Wally's Grammar Book

Number of books sold (in thousands)



Decline
Decrease
Drop

✓
eight-year period

✗
eight-years period

The graph shows a **decline** in the number of books sold.
The graph shows a **decline** in the number of books sold **between 2008 and 2016**.

The graph shows a **decline** in the number of books sold over an **eight-year** period.

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... over an **eight-year** period.

adjective
(compound adjective)

eight-year period ✓

one **red** car
adjective



two **red** cars ✓

adjective



two ~~reds~~ cars ✗

adjective



compound adjective

a hyphen joins two
(or more) words to
make an adjective

He works a **forty-hour** week.

He went on a **three-week** vacation.

It is a **four-month** contract.

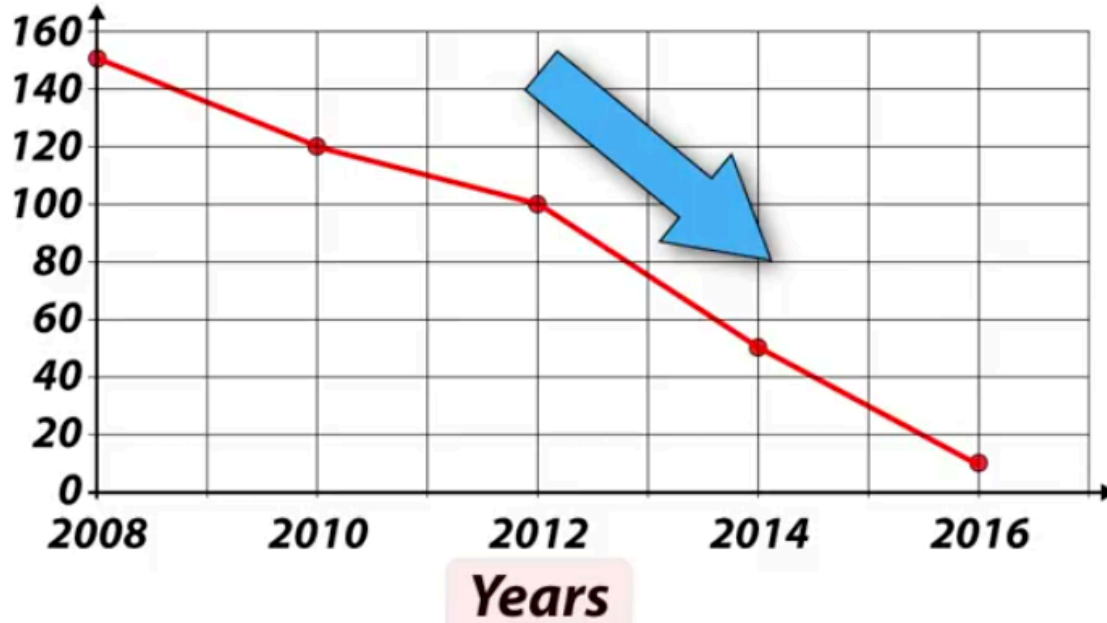
Change the following sentences to include a compound adjective:

- ① Her daughter is five months old.
She has a five-month-old daughter.
- ② There was a difference of twenty seconds.
There was a twenty-second difference.

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Wally's Grammar Book

Number of
books sold
(in thousands)



considerable

considerably

The graph shows the number of books sold has dropped.

The graph shows a drop in the number of books sold.

The graph shows the number of books sold has dropped **considerably**

The graph shows a **considerable** drop in the number of books sold.

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The graph shows the number of books sold has dropped **considerably**.

It dropped **considerably**.

She walked **slowly**.

He ate **quickly**.



Most adverbs
end in -LY



verb + **adverb**

To describe *how*
something happens

The graph shows a **considerable** drop in the number of books sold.



adjective + **noun**

To describe
something



A **considerable** drop.

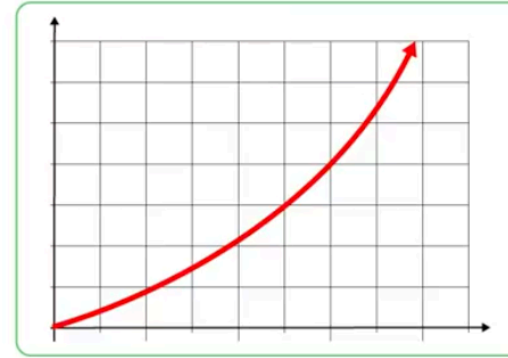
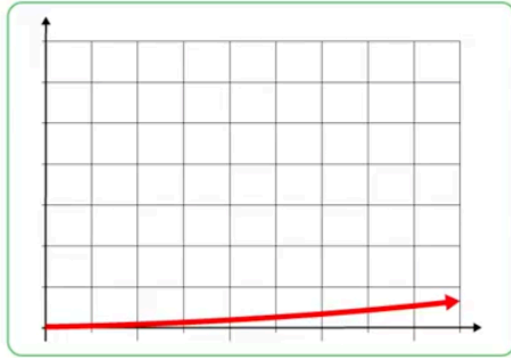
A **slow** decline.

A **sharp** increase.

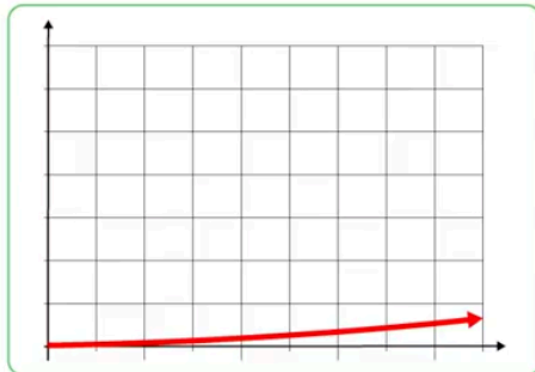
Why did we include these words in each sentence?

We do this to give a more *accurate* description of the trend.

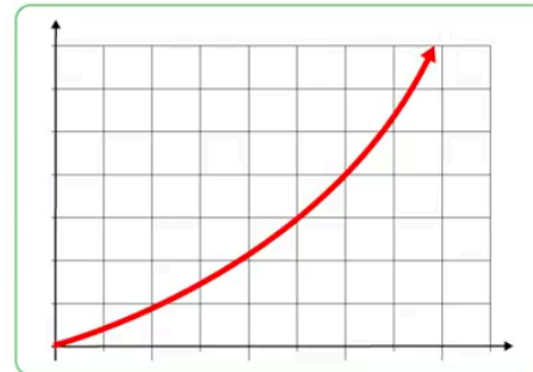
The price of chocolate rose.



The price of chocolate rose.



slightly



sharply

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The infographic is organized into four main sections within a light green rounded rectangle. The top-left section, titled 'Verbs to describe', lists upward-trending verbs: rise, jump, grow, climb, go up, increase, and soar, with a large red arrow pointing upwards. The bottom-left section, also titled 'Verbs to describe', lists downward-trending verbs: fall, drop, decline, decrease, go down, plunge, and plummet, with a large red arrow pointing downwards. The top-right section, titled 'Adverbs to describe... HOW?', lists adverbs in four groups, with red arrows pointing from the verb lists to these adverbs: 'rapidly quickly sharply steeply', 'considerably significantly substantially', 'steadily gradually moderately', and 'slightly slowly'. The bottom-right section, titled 'How to describe', shows the structure 'stay remain + constant steady stable unchanged', with a red arrow pointing to the right.

Verbs to describe

rise
jump
grow
climb
go up
increase
soar

Verbs to describe

fall
drop
decline
decrease
go down
plunge
plummet

Adverbs to describe... HOW?

rapidly quickly
sharply steeply
considerably
significantly
substantially
steadily
gradually
moderately
slightly
slowly

How to describe

stay remain + constant
steady
stable
unchanged

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VERB

to drop

to fall

to rise

to grow

to improve

to fluctuate

to vary

to reduce

to lose

to increase

NOUN

a drop

a fall

a rise

a growth

an improvement

a fluctuation

a variation

a reduction

a loss

an increase

EXCEPTIONS

PRONUNCIATION

to in**CREASE**

an **IN**crease

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SUBJECT

Sales

Prices

Production

The percentage of x

The number of x

VERB

What happened?

fell

dropped

rose

decreased

increased

ADVERB

How did it change?

slightly

sharply

steadily

significantly

dramatically

Remember: the verb is often in the past tense but always check this.

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THERE + BE + A

ADJECTIVE

NOUN

There is a

slight

rise

in sales ...

There was a

gradual

fall

in the price of x

There has been a

dramatic

drop

in the rate ...

There will be a

steady

decline

in the number ...

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