

Week 7/8

Outils d'Apprentissage

2. Language for Graphs and Charts

There are several prepositions which are commonly used to describe graphs and charts. Using the right prepositions is essential to make yourself understood when referring to changes in numbers.



1. Noun + Preposition:

- an increase **in** inflation: *une augmentation de l'inflation*
- an increase **of** 3% / a 3% increase: *une augmentation de 3%*
- an increase **from** 2% **to** 5%: *une augmentation de 2% à 5%*
- The inflation reached a peak **at** 5%: *L'inflation a atteint un pic de 5%*

2. Verb + Preposition:

- Inflation increased **from** 2% **to** 5%: *L'inflation est passée de 2% à 5%*
- Inflation has increased **by** 3%: *L'inflation a augmenté de 3%*
- Inflation now stands **at** 5% (no movement): *L'inflation s'élève désormais à 5%*
- Inflation has increased **to** 5% (movement): *L'inflation a atteint 5%*
- Inflation has gone up **by** 3% **to** 5%: *L'inflation a augmenté de 3% pour atteindre 5%*

Exercise 1: Match the following verbs with the right curve.

☐

rose sharply

☐

reached a peak

☐

levelled off

☐

increased gradually

☐

fluctuated

☐

dropped sharply

☐

remained constant

☐

fell gradually

A



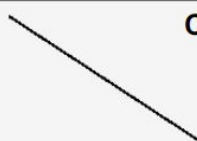
Sales

B



Wages

C



Inventory

D



Costs

E



Overhead

F



Production

G



Supply

H



Unemployment

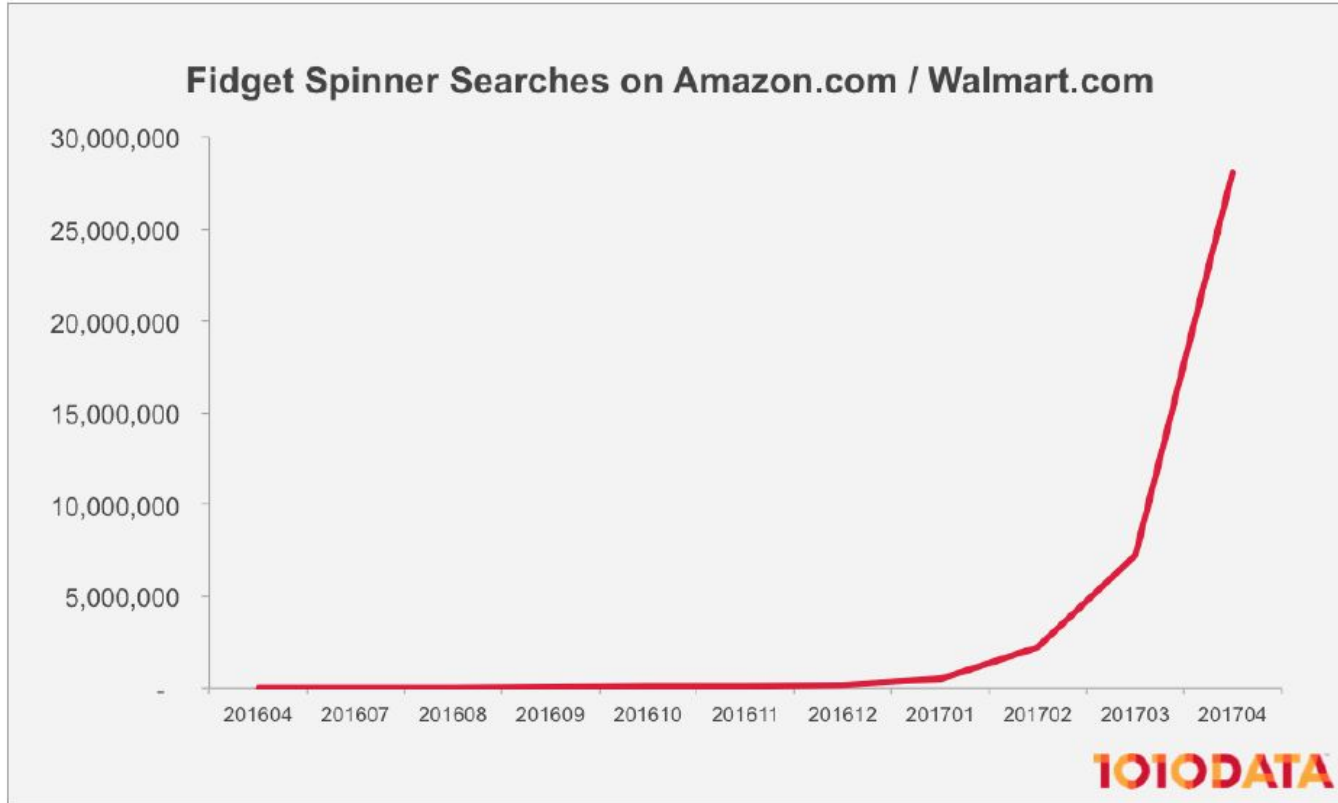
Exercise 2: Match the verbs/expressions in A with a similar expression in B:

A	
remained constant	●
fell gradually	●
dropped sharply	●
reached a peak	●
rose sharply	●
levelled off	●
fluctuated	●
increased gradually	●

B	
●	increased dramatically
●	stayed steady
●	stopped rising
●	decreased moderately
●	did not hold steady
●	slumped
●	rose steadily
●	peaked

Exercise 3: Practice with the following charts.
Begin with “This graph describes/represents...”

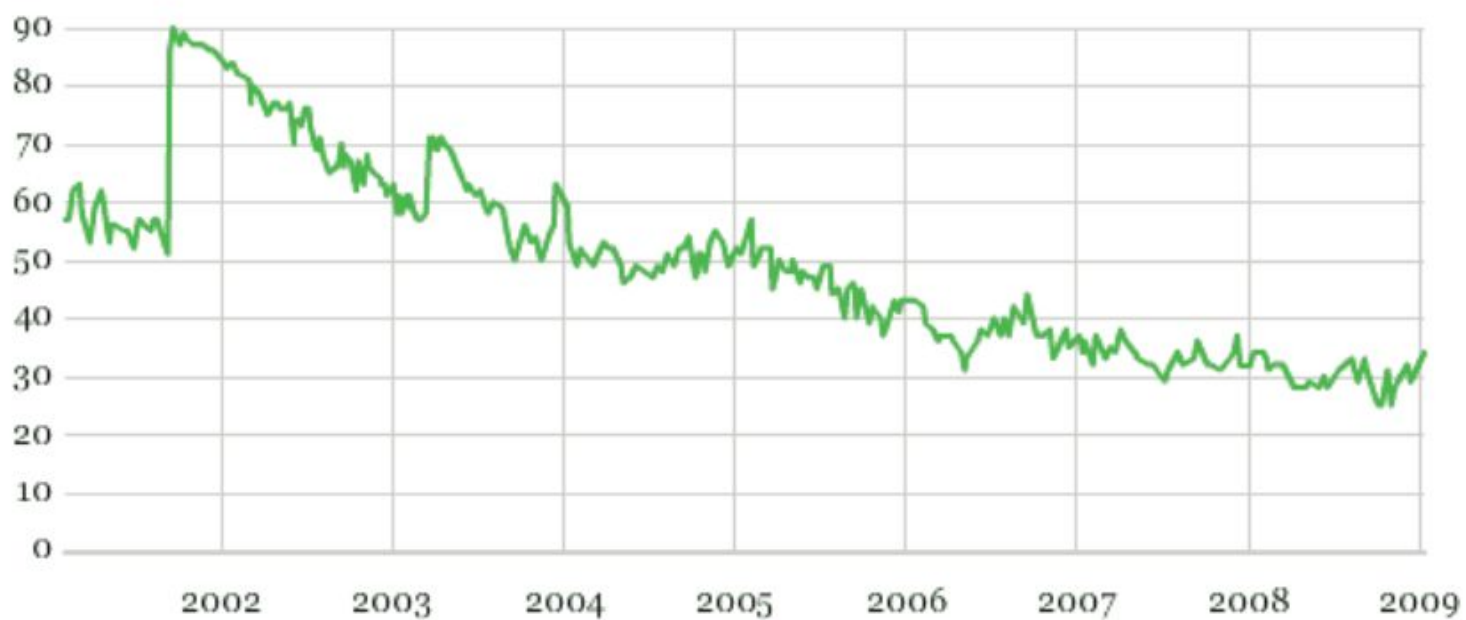
A.



B.

George W. Bush's Job Approval Ratings Trend

■ % Approve



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THE SOUNDS OF ENGLISH

Vowels	<div>Phonemic Chart</div>							
							short	
							long	
							diphthongs	
							voiced	
							unvoiced	
Consonants								

The 44 phonemes of Standard British English with examples of common spellings.

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Audio 1: Minimal pairs / i:/ and / ɪ/:

Sound 1

/i:/



sheep

Look out for that sheep.



leak

Stop it leaking!



cheeks

What lovely cheeks.



peel

This peel's got vitamin C in it.



bean

Throw out that bean.



leave

He's going to leave.

Sound 2

/ɪ/



ship

Look out for that ship.



lick

Stop it licking!



chicks

What lovely chicks.



pill

This pill's got vitamin C in it.



bin

Throw out that bin.



live

He's going to live.

Audio 2: *Tick the words that you hear in the sentences:*

/i:/

/ɪ/

1 sheep ☐

ship ☐

2 bean ☐

bin ☐

3 cheeks ☐

chicks ☐

4 cheap ☐

chip ☐

5 heel ☐

hill ☐

6 peel ☐

pill ☐

Audio 6: *Tick the words that you hear in the sentences:*

/æ/

1 cap ☐

2 ban ☐

3 hat ☐

4 cat ☐

5 pack ☐

/ɑ:/

carp ☐

barn ☐

heart ☐

cart ☐

park ☐

Audio 10: *Tick the words that you hear in the sentences:*

/ɒ/

1 fox ☐

2 pot ☐

3 Don ☐

4 shot ☐

5 cod ☐

6 spots ☐

/ɔ:/

forks ☐

port ☐

Dawn ☐

short ☐

cord ☐

sports ☐

Audio 14: *Tick the words that you hear in the sentences:*

/æ/

1 cap ☐

2 hat ☐

3 tracks ☐

4 ban ☐

5 bag ☐

6 ankle ☐

/ʌ/

cup ☐

hut ☐

trucks ☐

bun ☐

bug ☐

uncle ☐

Audio 18: *Tick the words that you hear in the sentences:*

/ʊ/

/u:/

1 could ☐

cooed ☐

2 pull ☐

pool ☐

3 full ☐

fool ☐

4 would ☐

wooded ☐

5 look ☐

Luke ☐