










# Reading a chart

I. Match the synonyms and illustrate the words:

Plateau	Plunge	Hit a low
Peak	Take off	Shoot up
Slump	Pick up	Treble
Soar	Stabilize	Fall
Bottom out	Level off	Rise
Fluctuate	Recover	Decrease
Go up threefold	Increase	Climb

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II. A few prepositions & particles...

I'd like:

- us to look -- this part of the graph -- more detail.
- us to focus our attention -- one particularly important feature
- you to think --the significance of this figure here.
- to point -- one or two interesting details.
- to draw your attention -- the upper half of the chart.

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Sales have gone up ---15%.

Sales fell --- 60,000 --- 15,000.

Then they recovered --- 20,000.

From October ---, sales fluctuated.

Sales increased --- about 17% in the first quarter.

There was a significant fall --- sales.

Sales for the last quarter were up --- last year. (compared to)

III. Do you know what these words mean?

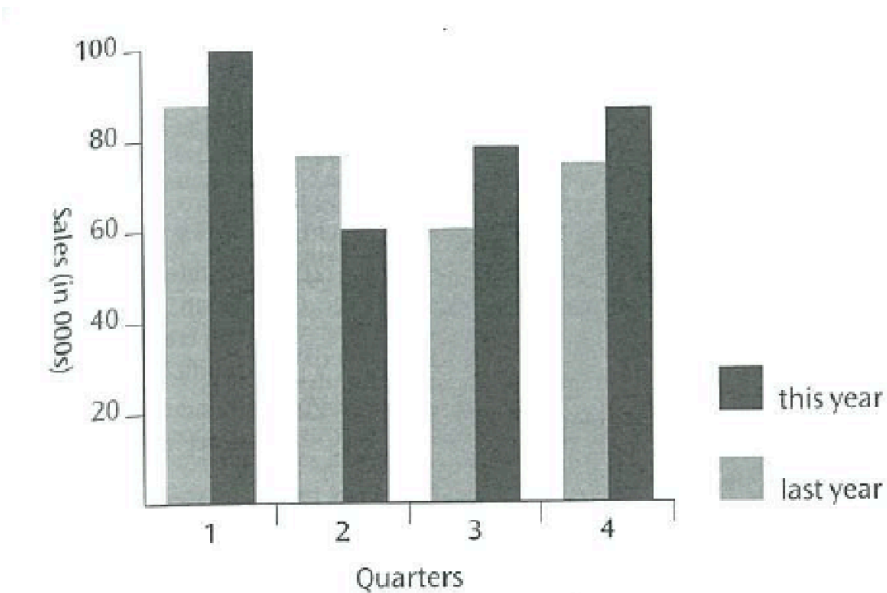
The y-axis	
(Sales curve) against time	
In thousands	
At just shy of	
At just short of	
A four-fold increase	
Like-for-like	
An upward trend	
Year-on-year	
In line with predictions	

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A better-than-expected 20% rate	
Sales are broken down by region	
The break down	
To comprise	
To make up	
To account for	
To represent	

**Practice #1**

**This year's sales on last year's**

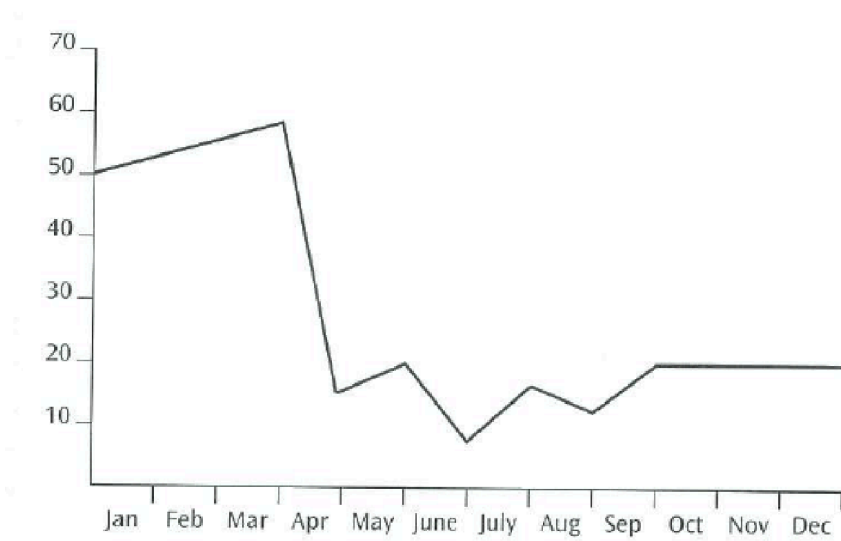


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## Practice #2

Sales this year against time



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