

Describing movement...

1. What is a trend?

A trend is a general tendency or direction.

an upward trend / a downward trend

2. Vocabulary for describing graphs

Helpful words and phrases for describing graphs

- **UP – Verbs** rise, increase, grow, go up, improve, jump, surge, shoot up, soar, rocket
- **UP – Nouns** a rise, an increase, growth, an upward/rising/increasing trend, an improvement, a jump, a surge
- **DOWN – Verbs** fall, decrease, drop, decline, go down, slump, plummet
- **DOWN – Nouns** a fall, a decrease, a decline, a downward/falling/decreasing trend, a slump
- **NO CHANGE – Verbs** remain stable/constant, stay at the same level, stabilize
- **FREQUENT CHANGE – Verb** fluctuate
- **FREQUENT CHANGE – Noun** – fluctuation
- **AT THE TOP – Verbs** reach a peak, peak., reach its/their highest point
- **AT THE BOTTOM – Verbs** reach/hit a low (point), hit/reach its/their lowest point

CHANGE

Adjectives:

- dramatic, considerable, sharp, significant, moderate, slight, sudden, rapid, steady, gradual, slow

Adverbs:

- dramatically, considerably, sharply, significantly, moderately, slightly, suddenly, rapidly, steadily, gradually, slowly

Prepositions:

- a rise *from* £725 *to* £825
- to increase *by* 2.1 %
- an increase *of* 2.1 % *in* the crime rate