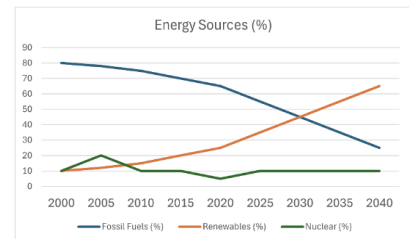
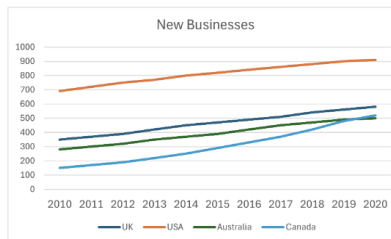
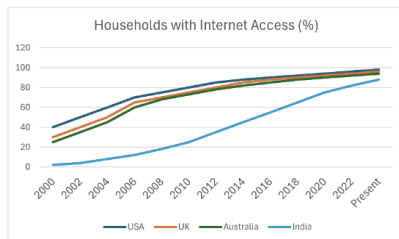




# Line Graph Grammar

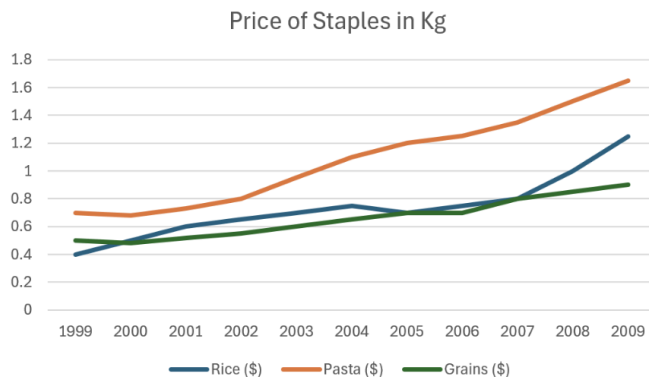
While most line graphs show a period that **started and finished in the past**, some show a period that **starts in the past and continues to the present**, or a period that **starts in the past and continues into the future**.

**Ex. 1** Which periods do these line graphs show?



**Ex.2** Which tenses are in the following paragraph.

*Throughout the period, there was a dramatic increase in the price of rice and pasta. Between 1999 and 2004, the price of rice, which stood at \$0.4 in 1999, rocketed to \$0.75 per kilogram before dipping slightly to \$0.70 in 2005. In the next year, the price recovered quickly to \$0.75, and by the end of the period, the price had reached a high of \$1.25.*



**Check the ones that you find:**

- Past simple
- Past continuous
- Past perfect
- Past perfect continuous

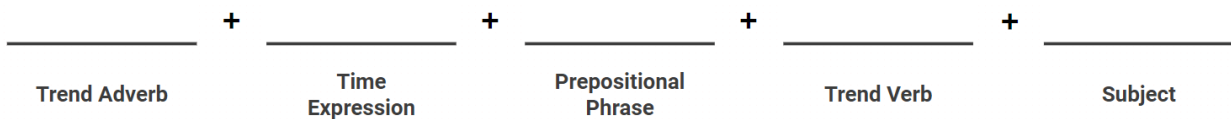


**Ex. 3** What is the structure of these sentences? Rearrange the sentence parts and write them in the spaces:

1. *There was a dramatic increase in the price of rice and pasta.*



2. *In the next year, the price recovered quickly to \$0.75.*



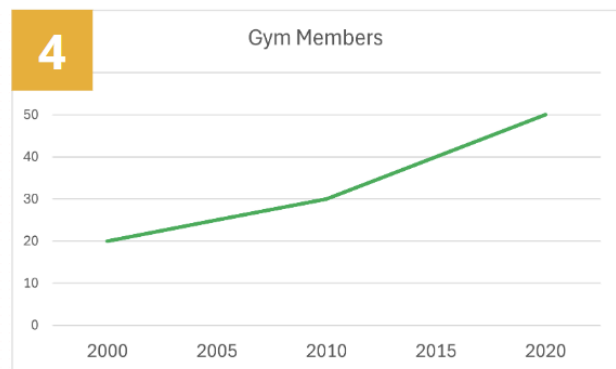
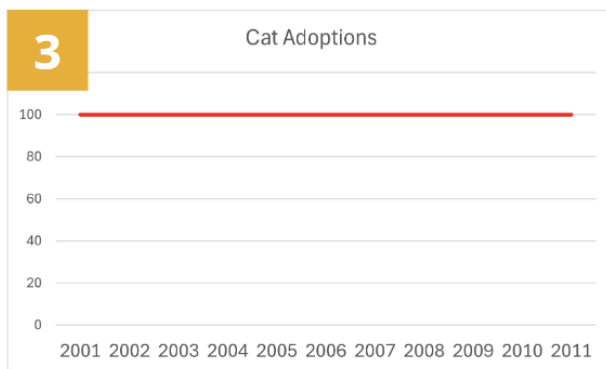
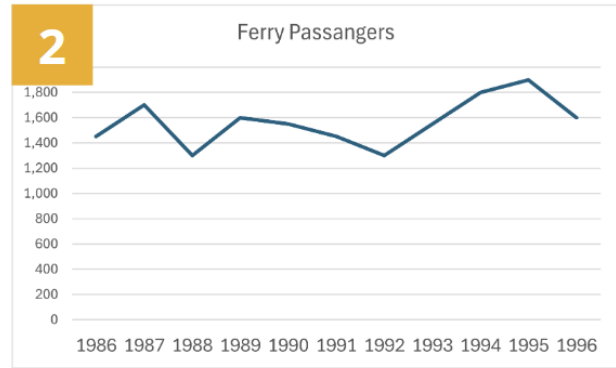
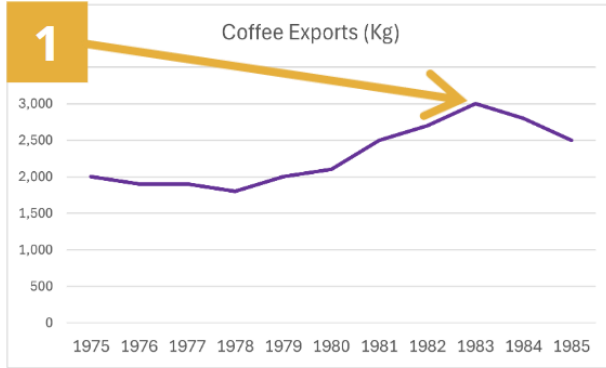
**Ex. 4** Now let's look at trend nouns. Put the category headings above the relevant group of nouns:

Increase	Decrease	Fluctuation	Stability*	Peak	low	Swing
Rise	Decline	Volatility*	Plateau	High point	bottom	Shift
Growth	Drop	Instability*	Leveling-off	High		Recovery
Surge	Fall					
Boom	Downturn					
Climb	Slump					
Uptick	Plunge					
Gain	Dip					

- Lowest Point
- Fluctuating Trend
- Upward Trend
- Trend Change
- Highest Point
- Downward Trend
- Stable Trend

\*These nouns do not require an article

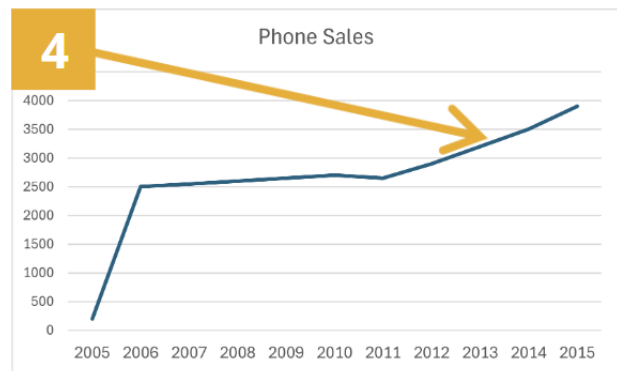
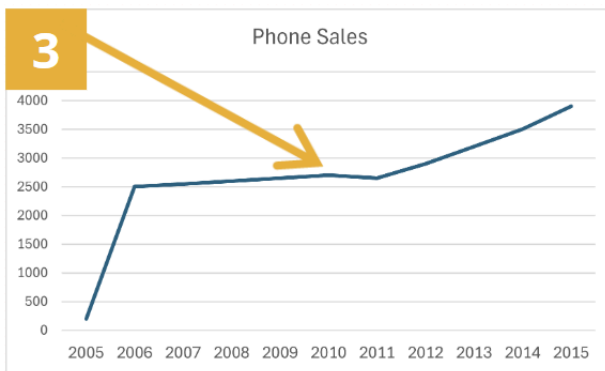
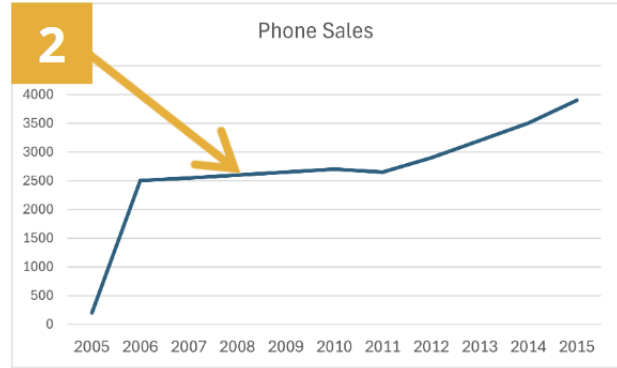
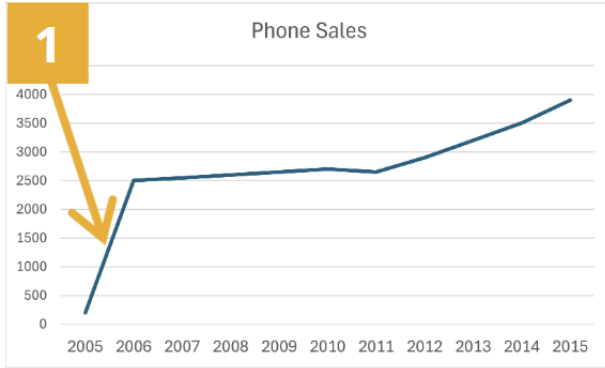
**Ex.5** Using this structure and an appropriate trend noun, write a past simple sentence for line graph features:



**Ex. 6** Now let's look at trend adjectives. Write the headings above the correct category:

					Small
Gradual	Rapid	Mild	Steady	Dramatic	Fast
Slow	Sudden	Moderate	Constant	Significant	Consistent
	Steep	Slight	Stable	Noticeable	Slow
	Sharp	Small	Consistent	Severe	Large
		Marginal	Persistent	Extreme	
				Substantial	
				Considerable	

**Ex. 7** Now write past simple sentences using the verb to be, a trend noun, and a trend adjective:



**Ex. 8** Match the time expressions to their use:

**In \_\_\_\_\_ | By \_\_\_\_\_ | Between \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ | Over the period**

1. Describing two or more years \_\_\_\_\_
2. Describing the trend for the whole period \_\_\_\_\_
3. Describing one year \_\_\_\_\_
4. Describing a period before a specific year \_\_\_\_\_

**Ex. 9** Answer the following questions about the time expressions:

1. Which time expression would you use with the past perfect?

\_\_\_\_\_

2. Which time expression would you use for a high or a low?

\_\_\_\_\_



3. Which time expression would you use to describe a fluctuation?

\_\_\_\_\_

4. Can you think of another time expression that means the same as **Between**

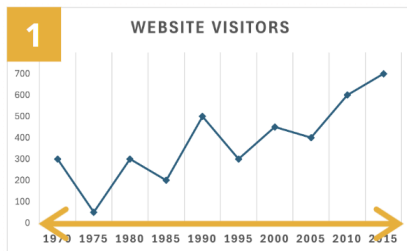
\_\_\_\_\_ **and** \_\_\_\_\_?

\_\_\_\_\_

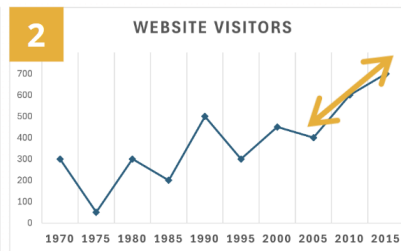
5. Which time expression might you use in your overview?

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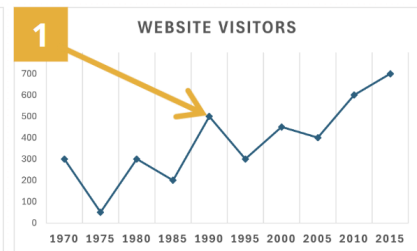
**Ex. 10** Now make past simple sentences about the following features. Include a time expression at the beginning or the end of the sentence:



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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Ex. 11** Now let's look at trend nouns. Write the category headings above the relevant group of nouns:

Increased	Decreased	Fluctuated	Stabilized	Peaked	Bottomed out	Swung
Rose	Declined	Oscillated	Plateau	reached a high	reached a low	Shifted
Grew	Dropped		Levelled-off	High		Recovered
Surged	Fell					
Boomed	Went down					
Climbed	Plunged					
Went up	Dipped					
reached*						

\*This verb doesn't need a preposition to add details

- Upward Trend
- Fluctuating Trend
- Downward Trend
- Trend Change
- Highest Point
- Lowest Point
- Stable Trend



**Ex. 12** Now let's look at the trend adjectives from the previous exercise. Rewrite them as adverbs. Hint: Some of them cannot be written as adverbs:

Slow	Fast	Small	Consistent	Large

**Ex. 13** The following sentences use the verb to be with trend nouns and trend adjectives. Re-write them so that they use the trend verbs and trend adverbs:

1. There was a marginal drop in the number of subscribers in 2010.

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2. There was a slight increase in scooter sales in 2015

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3. There was a dramatic growth in amount of hurricanes in 1999.

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4. There was an erratic fluctuation in student enrollments between 1980 and 1990.

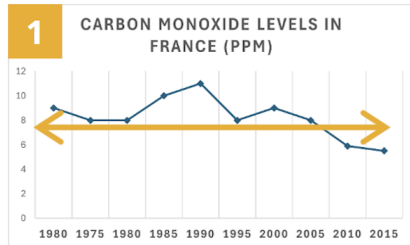
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5. Over the period, there was substantial rise in rental prices.

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**Ex. 14** Now make past simple sentences about the following features. Include a time expression at the beginning or the end of the sentence:



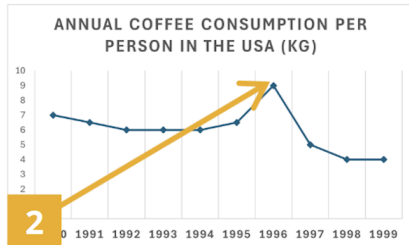

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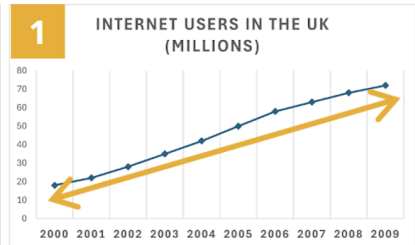

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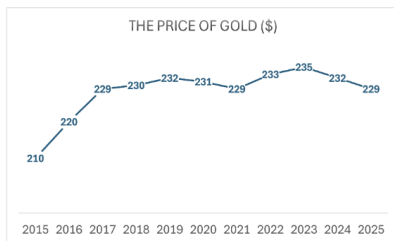
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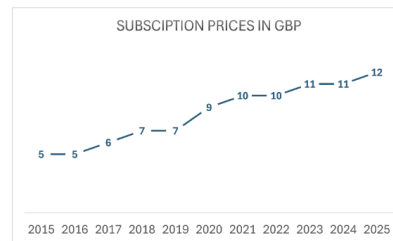
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**Ex. 15** We use prepositional phrases to add details. Complete the sentences with the prepositions below:

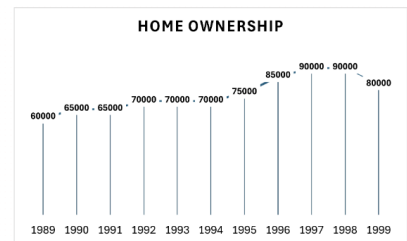
to | of | between/and | from/to



1. The price of gold increased fluctuated slightly \_\_\_\_\_ \$230 \_\_\_\_\_ \$235 per ounce from 2018 to 2025.



2. Subscription prices increased \_\_\_\_\_ £10 \_\_\_\_\_ £11 in 2023.



3. The amount people buying homes declined significantly \_\_\_\_\_ 10,000 in 1999.

**Ex. 16** We use the past perfect to state an actions that started and finished in the past, but we only state the date that the action finished by.

Look at the following sentence and put the sentence parts into the correct place below it:

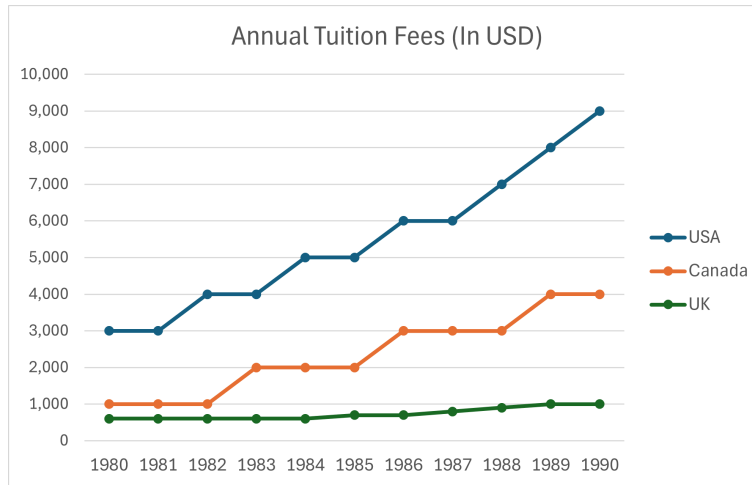
**Adverb | Subject | Verb Phrase | Time Expression | Details**

By the end of the period, the cost of bread had gone up slightly by a further two cents.

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**Ex. 17** Now make past perfect sentences about the final year of each country on the following chart:



1. (USA)

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2. (Canada)

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3. (UK)

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