



## IELTS TASK 1 GRAPH VOCABULARY

Introducing Graphs/Charts (The introduction)	
Phrasing Options	Examples
illustrates....	The pie chart <b>illustrates</b> the distribution of expenses.
gives information about/on ...	The chart <b>gives</b> information about the population growth.
provides information about/on ...	The table <b>provides</b> information on annual sales figures.
shows ...	The line graph <b>shows</b> the fluctuation in temperatures.
depicts...	The diagram <b>depicts</b> the stages of the manufacturing process.
compares ...	The chart <b>compares</b> the performance of different companies.
contrasts...	The graph <b>contrasts</b> urban and rural population growth.
explains why ...	The report <b>explains</b> why certain trends occurred.
describes ...	The table <b>describes</b> the features of the products.
draws the conclusion of/concludes	The study draws the conclusion that customer satisfaction has improved.
The table illustrates the trends in...	The table illustrates the trends in unemployment rates over the last decade.
The chart reveals information about the changes in...	The chart reveals information about the changes in energy consumption.
The bar graph provides the differences between...	The bar graph provides the differences between male and female participation in sports.
The line graph presents how X has changed over a period of...	The line graph presents how internet usage has changed over a period of five years.
According to the pie chart...	According to the pie chart, 60% of respondents prefer online shopping.
As the chart indicates...	As the chart indicates, there was a significant increase in production.



## TIME PERIODS IN GRAPHS (use in the introduction)

Time Frames	Specific Periods
from 1990 to 1995	in the 80s
from 1985 up until 1990	in the summer of 1969
in 2019 (not: on 2019)	in the winter of 2010
in July	in the years 1985 to 1990
between 1990 and 1995	over a three-month period (April to June)
between April and August	throughout the year
Duration of Time	Starting Points
for 5 years	since 2017
for 6 months	since February
During:	Over the Course Of:
This preposition refers to a specific period when an event occurs, emphasising the duration of an action within that time.	This phrase emphasises the entire duration of time during which something occurs or develops.
"During the studied period, sales increased by 20%."	"The project was completed over the course of 5 years."
"The weather was particularly cold during the winter months."	"Over the course of 3 decades, the population significantly increased."

- Use an apostrophe of possession when referring to a particular category

Example: **Canada's wheat exports** → this sounds good (notice the apostrophe + s)  
**the wheat exports of Canada** → This makes sense, but it does not sound great.

- Do not say 'the' before category names

Example: **the Canada's exports X**    **the bread's sales X**

Correct: **'Canada's exports'** and **'bread sales'**

- **The number of students** decreased from to 20000 in 2002 to 182000 in 2003 (i.e. decreased by 9%/decreased by 18000).



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### PREPOSITIONS

Preposition	Explanation of Prepositions:
<b>By</b> + how much	Indicates the amount or degree of change e.g., increased <b>by</b> 20%
<b>By</b> + final year (end of the period of study)	Exports increased to \$1 million <b>by 2006 (final year)</b> .
<b>To</b> + number/%	Indicates the final level or target achieved (e.g., the temperature rose <b>to</b> 30 degrees/ sales increased <b>to</b> \$6 billion/6 billion USD/6 billion US dollars
<b>Until</b> + time point (not # & %)	decreased <b>until</b> December/1999 - not: to December
<b>At</b> + data point	Specifies a precise/exact number or percentage <b>AT</b> a certain point or moment in time (e.g., sales peaked <b>at</b> \$150 in 2007).
<b>With</b> + data point	The highest percentage was seen in 2010, with 65% of participants choosing online shopping.
<b>In</b> + year/month/season	in 2007, in January, in winter
<b>from</b> __ <b>until</b> __	buns sales decreased <b>FROM</b> August <b>UNTIL</b> December
<b>for</b> + duration (how long)	for 3 months

### VERBS FOR DESCRIBING CHANGES IN DATA

For dates before 2025, use the simple past: **sales + increased** (no 'have'/'has')

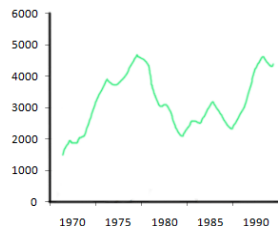
If the graph/map has dates up until 2025, use the present perfect: **sales have increased**

If the graph has dates in the future, do not use 'will'. Write: **is expected to/is projected to/is predicted to increase**

### TO INCREASE

Past Simple	Example Phrase
<b>increased</b>	The sales increased dramatically, by 20% last quarter.
<b>grew</b>	Our customer base grew by 1,000 new clients.
varied	The results varied from one test to another.
climbed	The temperature climbed to 25 degrees this afternoon.
surpassed	Sales surpassed/exceeded the target of \$1 million last month.



exceeded	The profits exceeded expectations this quarter.
rose	The temperature rose to 30 degrees yesterday.
surged	Profits surged to an all-time high this year.
peaked	The stock price peaked at \$150 last week.
sky-rocketed	Exports skyrocketed to record levels last year.
soared	The demand for electric cars soared by 50%.
leapt	Revenue leapt to \$2 million in Q2.
doubled	Internet usage doubled from 2018 to 2020 due to increased remote work.
tripled	Sales of organic foods tripled over the past decade as consumer preferences shifted."
quadrupled	Investment in renewable energy may quadruple within the next decade.
<b>TO DECREASE</b>	
<b>Past Simple</b>	<b>Example Phrase</b>
decreased	Unemployment decreased by 1% this month.
declined	Sales declined to their lowest point in years.
dipped	The stock dipped by \$5 before recovering.
fell	The temperature fell to freezing overnight.
dove	The company's shares dove to \$10 during the crisis.
plunged	The price plunged by 30% after the announcement.
plummeted	The market plummeted to a new low yesterday.
halved	Plastic waste could halve by 2030 with effective recycling programs.
<b>OTHER CHANGES</b>	
<b>Past Simple</b>	<b>Example Phrase</b>
remained	The prices <b>remained constant</b> at \$50 for several months.
stabilised	The market stabilised after the initial drop.
fluctuated	Oil prices <b>fluctuated</b> between \$70 and \$80 last month. 
varied	The results varied from one test to another.



<p><b>overtook/ surpassed</b></p>	<p>The graph below shows how people buy music. Summarise the information by selecting and reporting the main features, and make comparisons where relevant.</p> <p>In mid-2013, music downloads <b>overtook/surpassed</b> CDs as the most popular method of music sales.</p>
<p>For future years:  is predicted to is expected to is projected to</p> <p>Do not say 'will' for the future!</p>	

**ADVERBS FOR DESCRIBING CHANGES IN DATA**

Adverb	Definition	Example Phrase
<b>slightly</b>	A small variation	The market fluctuated <b>slightly</b> throughout the week.
modestly	A small, moderate increase	Profits increased <b>modestly</b> this quarter compared to last.
<b>gradually</b>	A slow and steady change	The climate is changing <b>gradually</b> over the years.



slowly	A gradual decrease	The population has declined <b>slowly</b> over the past decade.
markedly	A noticeable improvement	Customer satisfaction improved markedly after the changes were made.
<b>significantly</b>	A notable or large increase	Sales increased significantly after the new campaign launched.
<b>dramatically/ drastically</b>	A large and sudden decrease	Wheat exports decreased dramatically from 16 million tons to 11 million tons.
abruptly	A very quick drop	Stock prices fell abruptly after the announcement.
<b>sharply</b>	A quick or sudden rise	The temperature rose sharply in the afternoon.
suddenly	A quick and unexpected increase	Demand for the product rose suddenly during the holiday season.
rapidly	A quick decrease	The price dropped rapidly following the news.

<b>Approximation Phrase</b>	<b>Meaning/Usage</b>	<b>Example</b>
Just over	Slightly more than a given amount	Just over half of the population is female.
Just under	Slightly less than a given amount	Just under 20% of students failed the exam.
Nearly	Almost or close to a certain number or amount	Nearly 40% of people prefer coffee.
Approximately	An estimate, close to the exact number	Approximately 50,000 people attended.
Roughly	An estimate, not exact	Roughly 29 million tons were produced.
Around	An informal way to give an approximate figure	Around 75% of employees are satisfied.
A little over	Slightly more than	A little over 60% of respondents agreed.
A little under	Slightly less than	A little under a quarter of students passed.
Close to	Very near to a certain figure	Close to 80% of customers are satisfied.
About	Informal way to state an estimate	About 30% of the population smokes.
Nearly double	Close to being twice as much	The sales nearly doubled in two years.
Just above	Slightly higher than	The price was just above \$50.



Just below	Slightly lower than	Attendance was just below the expected number.
About	Similar to "roughly"; indicates an estimate	The project will take about six months to complete.
Exactly	Precisely; no deviation from a specified amount	The budget was exactly \$10,000.

## Linking Structures

Don't use these linking structures at the beginning of every sentence as that is too many – rather use them at the beginning of/in the middle of every 2nd sentence.  
Remember to **add a comma** after using these:

Category	Linking Structures	Category	Linking Structures
Listing Ideas	Firstly,	Summarising	Overall,
	Secondly,		On the whole,
	Thirdly,		To summarise,
	First,	Highlighting	In particular,
	Furthermore,		Specifically,
	Finally,		Notably,
Reinforcement	Next,	Similarity	Similarly,
	Additionally,		Likewise,
	Moreover,		Expressing Alternatives
Contrast	Furthermore,	Transition to New Points	Conversely,
	<b>In contrast, / In comparison,</b>		Furthermore,
	Conversely,		In addition,
	However,		
	On the other hand,		
	<b>While ___X___, ___Y___</b>		
	<b>___X___ whereas/while ___Y___</b>		



**ADJECTIVES FOR DESCRIBING CHANGES IN DATA**

The most popular... The most common product  
The least popular... The least common product  
The highest sales...  
The lowest sales...

Type of Change	Adjective	Definition	Usage Example
<b>Small Changes</b>	Marginal	Very small in amount or effect	"There was only a marginal dip in attendance."
	Slight	Small in amount or degree	"There was a <b>slight</b> rise in prices over the month."
	Modest	Limited or moderate in size or degree	"The firm saw a modest increase in revenue."
	Gentle	Mild and gradual	"A <b>gentle</b> decline in profits continued over the year."
<b>Big Changes</b>	Considerable	Notable in amount or size	"A considerable growth in profits was observed."
	Significant	Large or important enough to have an impact	"There was a significant increase in user engagement."
	Substantial	Large in amount or degree	"Substantial growth was recorded in the final quarter."
	Marked	Clear and noticeable	"There was a marked decrease in website traffic."
	Dramatic	Striking, often large	"A dramatic surge in sales followed the new product launch."
Speed of Change	Adjective	Definition	Usage Example
<b>Slow Changes</b>	Gradual	Slow and steady	"The data showed a gradual increase in user activity."
	Steady	Stable, sustained	"Steady growth was observed in the customer base."
	Consistent	Regular and stable over time	"There was a consistent variation in seasonal demand."
<b>Fast Changes</b>	Sharp	Sudden and intense	"There was a sharp rise in demand last quarter."
	Abrupt	Very sudden and unexpected	"There was an abrupt increase in



			market volatility."
	Rapid	Happening at a fast pace	"The company saw a rapid growth in new subscriptions."
	Steep	Very large or steep in gradient or degree	"The chart showed a steep rise in costs over time."

## NOUNS FOR DESCRIBING CHANGES IN DATA

Type of Change	Change	Example Phrases
<b>Increases</b>	A rise (in)	- A rise in sales - There was a <b>dramatic (adjective) rise (noun)</b> in sales. versus Sales <b>rose (verb) dramatically/drastically (adverb)</b> .
	An increase (in)	- An increase in revenue - There was an increase in user engagement - There was a dramatic increase in India's exports in recent years
	Growth (in)	- Growth in profits - There was growth in the customer base
	Hit a peak	- Sales hit a peak - The market hit a peak in August
	A surge (in)	- A surge in stock prices - There was a surge in website traffic
<b>Decreases</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>Example Phrases</b>
	A fall (in)	- A fall in prices - There was a fall in the number of subscribers
	A decrease (in)	- A decrease in production - There was a decrease in sales volume
	A decline (in)	- A decline in attendance - There was a decline in customer satisfaction
	A dip (in)	- A dip in revenue - There was a dip in stock value
<b>Fluctuations</b>	Change	Example Phrases
	A fluctuation (of)	- A fluctuation in energy prices - There was a fluctuation in sales across quarters



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	A variation (in)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- A variation in seasonal demand</li><li>- There was a variation in product quality</li></ul>
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