

The Language of Graphs and Statistics

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	increased steadily	3	an upward/downward trend
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	declined	4	a gentle fall
	fell by X to a low of Y	4	a fall
	fell slowly	5	a sharp decline
	declined sharply	5	a sharp fall
	fell sharply	5	a sudden fall
	fell steeply	6	a steep fall
	sank	7	a low
		7	a trough
B	fluctuated (wildly)	PREPOSITIONS	
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	remained stable	to finish the period at a peak of X	
	stabilized	to fall by 4% to a low of X	
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