

## Describing Trends

<b>Verbs to describe an upward trend</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• climb (past: climbed)</li><li>• go up (past: went up)</li><li>• grow (past: grew)</li><li>• increase (past: increased)</li><li>• jump (past: jumped)</li><li>• rise (past: rose)</li><li>• rocket (past: rocketed)</li></ul>
<p>The population of deer increased significantly from __ to __ between 2005 and 2010.</p> <p>The population of fish rose from 800 in May to 1000 the following month.</p>	
<b>Verbs to describe a downward trend</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• decline (past: declined)</li><li>• decrease (past: decreased)</li><li>• drop (past: dropped)</li><li>• fall (past: fell)</li><li>• go down (past: went down)</li><li>• plummet (past: plummeted) = to fall or drop suddenly in amount or value</li><li>• plunge (past: plunged) = to fall or drop suddenly in amount or value</li></ul>
<p>The bee population dropped significantly once pesticide use increased in the area.</p> <p>Forest cover decreased in 2013 by 15%.</p>	
<b>Words and phrases used to describe a stable trend</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• maintain (past: maintained)</li><li>• remain (past: remained)</li><li>• stay (past: stayed)</li><li>• constant</li><li>• stable</li><li>• steady</li><li>• unchanged</li></ul>
<b>Adverbs used when describing trends</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• sharply, rapidly, quickly, steeply</li><li>• considerably, significantly, substantially</li><li>• steadily, gradually, moderately</li><li>• slightly, slowly</li></ul>

**Nouns used when describing trends**

- decline
- decrease
- dip (= a momentarily small drop in the level of something)
- drop
- fall
- fluctuation (= an irregular rising and falling in number or amount; a variation)
- growth
- slump (= a severe or prolonged fall in the price, value, or amount of something)
- increase
- variation (= a change or difference in condition, amount, or level)
- peak (= the highest point)
- rise