Figure 1. Production of Sugar


Figure 2. Life expectancy in the UK


Source: UK National Statistics.

Figure 3. Percentage of the population in six countries who can speak a second language


Figure 5. Numbers of various types of restaurants in the city of Gastronome


Figure 4. Attendance at cultural events in Great Britain

|  |  |  |  |  | Percentages |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $1986 / 87$ | $1991 / 92$ | $1996 / 97$ | $1999 / 00$ | $2000 / 01$ | $2001 / 02$ |
| Cinema | 31 | 44 | 54 | 56 | 55 | 57 |
| Plays | 23 | 23 | 24 | 23 | 23 | 24 |
| Art | 21 | 21 | 22 | 22 | 21 | 22 |
| Classical | 12 | 12 | 12 | 12 | 12 | 12 |
| Ballet | 6 | 6 | 7 | 6 | 6 | 6 |
| Opera | 5 | 6 | 7 | 6 | 6 | 6 |
| Contemporary | 4 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 5 |

Percentage of resident population aged 15 and over
Source: UK National Statistics.

Figure 6. Adults accessing the internet in the UK

I. Look at figures 1-6 and decide which ones are about:

1 Change over time
2 Proportions (check this word if you don't know it)
3 A process
II. Look at figures 1-6 and find this information.

1 What happens to the juice after the boiling stage?
2 How long, on average, did men and women live in 1961?
3 What percentage of people in Country B speak a second language?
4 Which country has the largest percentage of second language speakers? What was the exact figure?
5 Give a fraction which means almost the same as 31\% (eg 26\% is just over a quarter).
6 Which three types of food account for more than three-quarters of the restaurants in Gastronome?
7 What was the most popular sort of cultural event in Britain in each of the years shown?
8 Only one sort of cultural event was popular with exactly the same number of people every year. Which? What proportion of British people attended it?
9 What was the least popular sort of cultural event in Britain in each of the years shown?
10 Which country has the smallest proportion of second language speakers?
11 What percentage of British adults used the internet in February 2005?
12 What is the result of the filtering process?

1 Which figure 1-6 tells you:
1 what proportion of British adults used the internet in 2004?
2 how many people go to see plays at the theatre?
3 how long men and women lived, on average, in 1981?
4 the percentage of people in Country E who can speak two languages?
5 the number of Chinese restaurants in Gastronome?
6 about sugar production?
2 Which of the figures 1-6 can you also refer to as:
a chart?
a diagram?
a pie chart?
a flow chart?
a table?
a bar chart?
a graph?
a line graph?
3 Can you identify the following in figures $\mathbf{1} \mathbf{- 6}$ ? Where?
a segment
a category
a stage
an axis (plural: axes /'æksi:z/)
a step
a column
a row
a projection

- Look at this pie chart, which shows how a young woman called Tomoko spends her money.
- Look at the sentences below that have been written about the pie chart. See if you can correct them.
1 Tomoko spends an equal amount of money on rent, food, study materials and entertainment.

2 Tomoko spends 45 per cent of her money on rent and food, but she only spends 15 per cent of her money on study materials.

3 Tomoko spends more on clothes than she spends on study materials.
4 Tomoko spends as much money on rent and food as she does on everything else put together.


- A popular magazine conducted a survey about their readers' smoking habits. Here are the results:

| Cigarette smoking habits by gender \% |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | all | men | women |
| $20+$ a day | 11 | 13 | 9 |
| $10-19$ a day | 11 | 11 | 10 |
| less than 10 a day | 8 | 7 | 10 |
| given up | 27 | 30 | 24 |
| never smoked | 43 | 39 | 47 |

Complete the following sentences which describe some of the facts in the table.
5 $\qquad$ the readers have never smoked.

6 Almost a third of the readers $\qquad$ but have now given up.

7 A $\qquad$ of readers smoke less than ten cigarettes a day.

8 Generally speaking, men are $\qquad$ than women.

9 $\qquad$ of readers who smoke more than twenty a day is quite small, at 11 per cent overall.

10 The figures for the 20-plus group and the 10-19 group $\qquad$ .

## VOCABULARY

| NOUNS | ADJECTIVES AND ADVERBS |  | VERBS |  | PHRASES |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| a rise <br> an increase <br> a fall <br> a drop <br> a decrease <br> a decline <br> a peak/dip <br> fluctuations <br> of in <br> erratic movements <br> an upward / a downward trend  | 2 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 | sharp(ly) <br> dramatic(ally) <br> significant(ly) <br> substantial(ly) <br> remarkable(ly) <br> considerable(y) <br> moderate(ly) <br> slightly/gently | to rise to increase to go up to decrease to fall to drop to go down to fluctuate | from-to by | to stand at a value of (+ number) to stay at the same level remain the same remain stable/constant remain/stay constant reach a peak (of) hit / fall to the lowest point to reach a trough |
|  | 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 | abrupt(ly) <br> sudden(ly) <br> rapid(ly) <br> steady(ily) <br> gradual(ly) <br> slow(ly) | to shoot up <br> to plunge to plummet to level off (at) |  | Remember <br> - to rise gradually but a gradual rise <br> - ... rose from 70 to $90=$ rose by 20 (verb + by) <br> - a rise from 70 to $90=$ a rise of 20 (noun + of) <br> - Sales stood at $£ 1$ million. <br> - There was a rise/fall in sales. |

## PRACTICE

1) Using some of the words and phrases above, describe the pattern in each graph below.

2) Read the following examples.

There has recently been a substantial decrease in LCD monitor prices of about 30 per cent.
The price of $22^{\prime \prime}$ Samsung, e.g., has dropped from 10000 to 7000 Kč.
On the other hand, in 2005 we registered a slight increase in HDD prices which, due to a new technology, rose by about $10 \%$.
4) Describe the graph below using the given expressions.

## Plotting the real situation and projections


5) Look at the graph and complete the following sentences.

## New cases of three infectious diseases in the UK

a) Measles cases $\qquad$ rapidly in 1993.

b) There was a rise $\qquad$ about 11,000 measles cases in 1993.
c) In 1991, mumps infections stood $\qquad$ about 4,000.
d) Rubella cases $\qquad$ in 1996.
e) There was a dramatic fall $\qquad$
measles cases between 1994 and 2001.
f) Mumps cases went up $\qquad$ more than
15,000 in 2003.
g) There was an increase $\qquad$ more than 15,000 mumps cases in 2003
6) Study Fig. 1, then complete the accompanying description by adding the words and phrases from the offer below. Refer to the graph for the necessary dates and figures.

## The growth of the population of Great Britain

Like most countries, Great Britain`s population has grown rapidly.
Fig. 1 $\qquad$ the population of GB since 1100.
$\qquad$ the population $\qquad$ 2.5 million, $\qquad$ 4 million in the first part of the $\qquad$ century.

Then the population. $\qquad$ approximately $\qquad$ as a result of the „Black Death" plagues of 1361, 1371, and 1382.

There was $\qquad$ population until the 17th century, when it $\qquad$ approximately 8 million.

That $\qquad$ until the first half of the 18th century, when the population $\qquad$ reaching
$\qquad$ in 1900 and 46 million in $\qquad$

If $\qquad$
$\qquad$ the population of GB $\qquad$
$\qquad$ million in the year 2000.
reaching a peak of
illustrates (shows) the rise in
level was maintained
a steady rise in
it is estimated that
The graph shows (illustrates) that
the present trend is maintained
declined to
levelled off at
rose from
began to rise rapidly
will reach


Fig. 1 The population of

## A table

is a chart of facts and figures which are shown in rows going across the page and columns going down the page.

1 Study the following table showing a comparison of the composition of two foods:
Table 1

| FOODS | PERCENTAGE OF FOOD CONSTITUENTS |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | protein $\%$ | fat $\%$ | carbohydrate $\%$ | inedible \% |
| peanut | 26 | 46 | 10 | 18 |
| corn | 10 | 5 | 70 | 15 |

## 2 Read the following:

Table 1 shows a comparison of the composition of two foods: peanut and corn. The vertical axis is labelled with the names of the foods, the horizontal axis shows the percentage of their constituents.
As can be seen from the table, the largest food constituent in peanut is fat. In fact, it accounts for as much as 46 per cent. On the other hand, carbohydrate accounts for only 10 per cent of the total.

Note "In fact" introduces or indicates more detailed information which is related to what has just been said.

3 Using the above text as a model, comment on the percentage of constituents in corn. Base your comment on the information contained in the above table.

