

1. Vocabulary for Describing Trends

Increase (Go Up)

- **Verbs:** rise, increase, go up, climb, grow, surge, soar, jump, peak
- **Nouns:** a rise, an increase, growth, an upward trend, a surge, a peak
- **Examples:**
 - "The number of visitors **rose steadily** between 2010 and 2020."
 - "There was **a sharp increase** in sales in 2018."

Decrease (Go Down)

- **Verbs:** fall, decline, drop, decrease, go down, plummet, plunge, dip
- **Nouns:** a fall, a decrease, a decline, a drop, a downward trend
- **Examples:**
 - "The unemployment rate **declined gradually** over the decade."
 - "Profits **plummeted** in 2015, reaching their lowest point."

No Change (Remain Stable)

- **Verbs:** remain stable, stay the same, level off, stabilise, plateau
- **Nouns:** no change, stability, a plateau
- **Examples:**
 - "The population **remained stable** throughout the period."
 - "The number of tourists **levelled off** after 2017."

Fluctuation (Up and Down)

- **Verbs:** fluctuate, vary, be erratic, experience ups and downs
 - **Nouns:** fluctuations, variations
 - **Examples:**
 - "The price of oil **fluctuated significantly** from 2010 to 2020."
 - "There were **slight fluctuations** in temperature during the summer months."
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2. Vocabulary for Describing Degree of Change

Big Change

- **Adverbs:** dramatically, significantly, considerably, sharply, steeply, substantially
- **Adjective + Noun:** a dramatic increase, a significant drop, a sharp decline
- **Examples:**
 - "The number of students **rose significantly** in 2019."
 - "There was **a sharp decrease** in pollution levels."

Small Change

- **Adverbs:** slightly, marginally, moderately, gradually, steadily
 - **Adjective + Noun:** a slight increase, a moderate decline, a gradual rise
 - **Examples:**
 - "Sales **increased gradually** over the period."
 - "The percentage of people using public transport **rose slightly**."
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3. Vocabulary for Making Comparisons

- **Higher than:** greater than, exceeds, overtakes, surpasses, outnumbers
 - "The number of cars **surpassed** the number of bicycles in 2015."
 - **Lower than:** less than, fewer than, falls below, lags behind
 - "The percentage of smokers **fell below** 10% in 2020."
 - **Equal / Similar:** similar to, the same as, nearly identical, comparable to
 - "The sales figures for 2018 and 2019 were **almost identical**."
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4. Vocabulary for Time Expressions

- **Past:** in 2000, between 2000 and 2010, from 2015 to 2020, over a 10-year period
 - **Present:** currently, at present, as of now
 - **Future:** is predicted to, is expected to, is projected to, will likely
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5. Vocabulary for Summarising

- **Overall:** in general, overall, as a whole, generally speaking
- **Key Features:** the most noticeable trend, a striking feature, a significant change
- **Example:**
 - "**Overall**, the data suggests that internet usage has increased steadily."
 - "A **striking feature** of the graph is the dramatic rise in online shopping."

Structure/Formula for IELTS Writing Part 1

Formula for writing the first sentence:

1. **The type of visual data** (e.g., "The line graph/bar chart/table...")
2. **The subject of the data** (e.g., "illustrates the number of...")
3. **The time period (if given)** (e.g., "between 2000 and 2020")
4. **The unit of measurement (if given)** (e.g., "measured in millions")

Formula for writing the first full paragraph:

1. **A General Trend (1 sentence)**
 - A broad statement about the overall movement in the data.
 - No specific numbers or details.
2. **A Key Increase or Decrease (1 sentence)**
 - Mention the most significant rise or fall.
 - Show how one category changed noticeably more than others.
3. **A Comparison or Stability Statement (1 sentence, if needed)**
 - Highlight a contrast between different data points.
 - Mention stability, fluctuations, or an unusual feature.

General Trend Statements:

- "Overall, the main trend is..."
- "In general, it can be observed that..."
- "A clear pattern that emerges is..."
- "The most noticeable trend is..."
- "One striking feature of the data is..."

Increase & Decrease Trends:

- "The biggest increase can be seen in..."
- "The most significant rise is observed in..."
- "A steady upward/downward trend is evident in..."
- "While X increased significantly, Y experienced a slight decline."
- "The sharpest drop occurred in..."

Comparisons & Differences:

- "Compared to X, Y experienced a much larger increase."
- "Whereas X showed a steady rise, Y fluctuated throughout the period."
- "The gap between X and Y widened/narrowed over time."

- "Among all the categories, X had the highest/lowest figures."

Fluctuations & Stability:

- "The data fluctuated considerably over the period."
- "There were some noticeable variations in..."
- "Despite some fluctuations, the overall trend was..."
- "The figures remained relatively stable from X to Y."