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READING SKILLS Interpreting data

WRITING SKILLS Illustrating data

- Describing a graph or chart
- Writing about data

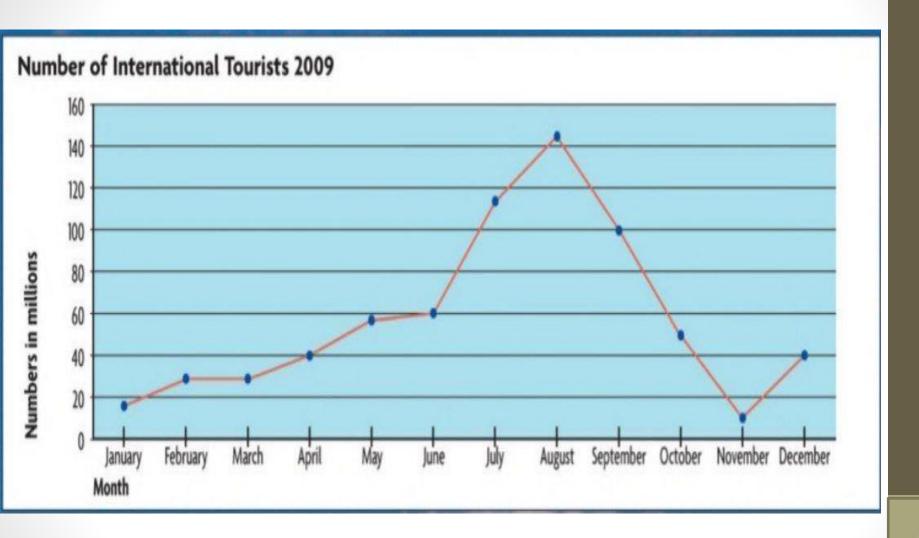
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• STUDY SKILL Interpreting data

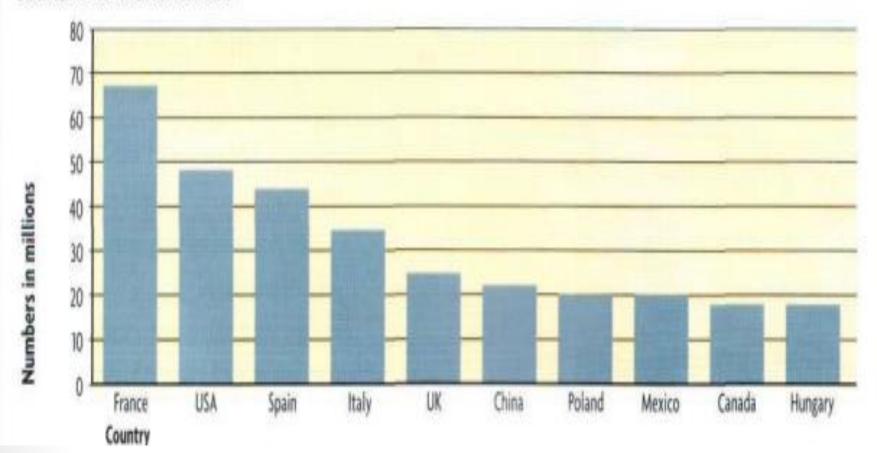
Many scientific and academic texts contain statistics. These are often illustrated in graphs or charts.

Referring to graphs and charts while you are reading will help you to understand the text, and interpret the statistical data better.

- Skim the titles of the text and graphs and charts to get a general idea.
- Read the description of the horizontal and vertical data.
- ■ Look at the graph or bar chart. Ask. yourself question:
- What is the general picture or trend?
- Are there any unexpected or trend?.
- As you read the text, refer to the appropriate part of the diagram. Compare the information in the text with the information in the graph and charts.



Tourist Destinations 2005



1- This graph shows the number of international At the start of the year, there were approximately ¹Tourists in millions, from January to December 2009.At the start of the year, there approximately²20000 international tourists. This number rose by 50% in³February to about 30 million. The number remained stable until March. Then it grew steadily to 40 million by April and this increase continued to the beginning of May. Between the beginning of May and the beginning of June, there was only a very slight increase, and then a dramatic rise in July and ⁴August reaching a peak of ⁵140 million tourists around the world. Then, in September it dropped suddenly to about 100 million, followed by a steady fall to the lowest point in 6 November At the end of the year the number of tourists rose steadily to around 40 million. Overall, the graph shows that the most popular period for international holidays is July and ⁷ August The least popular time is 8 November and the beginning of the year, but there is a slight increase in December.

1- Write the words from the box in the table.

Fall drop rise remain steady increase Decrease fluctuate remain stable grow

go up	go down	go up and	stay the same
		down	
rise	fall	Fluctuate	remain
increas	drop		steady
e	decrease		remain
grow			stable

- 2- Read STUDY Skill Answer the questions. Use a dictionary to check the answers.
- 1. Which words are both verbs and nouns?
- 2. Which verbs are regular?

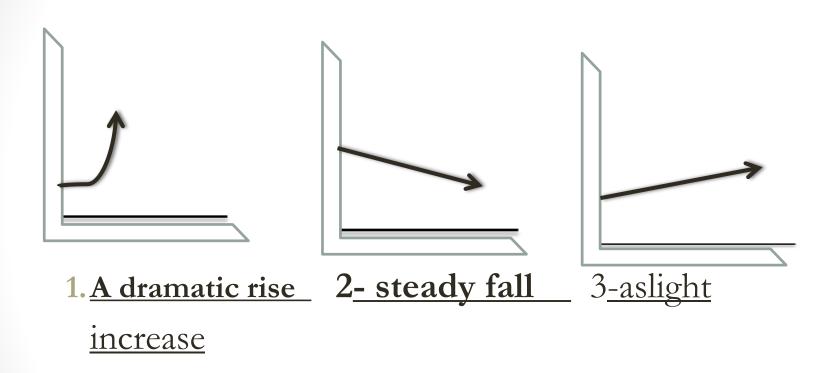
STUDY SKILL Avoiding repetition(3)

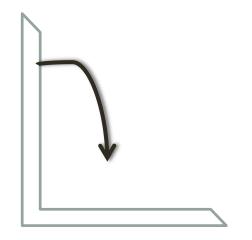
- The language used to describe graphs can be
- repetitive. To avoid this, use:
- synonyms, e.g. increase = rise
- adjectives + nouns, e.g. slight increase
- verbs + adverbs, e.g. increased slightly

3- Look back at the text on page 59 to complete the table with phrases.

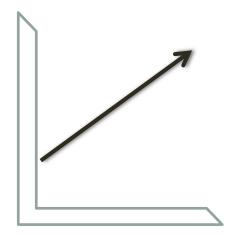
adjectives + nouns	Verbs + adverbs
a steady growth	grow/ grew steadily
a slight increase	increased slightly
a dramatic rise	rose dramatically
a sudden drop	drop/ dropped
a steady fall	suddedy
	fell steadily

4- Mach an expression from exercise 3with the graphs.





4- A sudden drop



5- a steady growth

5-Complete the expressions with adjectives from exercise 3.

- 1. A dramatic rise (or fall) is both large and fast.
- 2. A steady growth (or drop) is small, slow, and regula.
- 3. A <u>slight</u> increase (or decrease) is smal.
- 4. A <u>sudden</u> drop (or rise) is fast and unexpected.

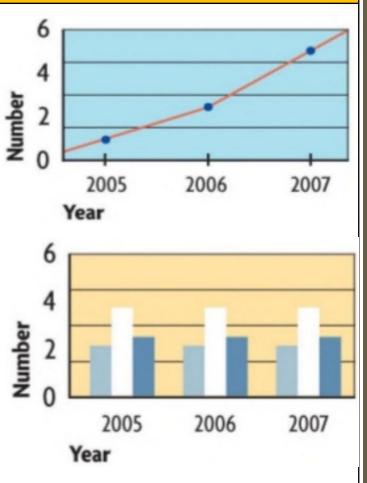
STUDY SKILL Illustrating data

Graphs and bar charts are used to show different ways of illustrating data.

Graphs are often used to show changeover a period of time.

■use prepositions of time:
in 2005, at the beginning,
between May and June
Bar charts are often used to make
comparisons.

■use comparatives: fewer visitors, and superlatives, e.g. the most popular Use adjective + noun and verb + adverb to describe graphs and bar charts.

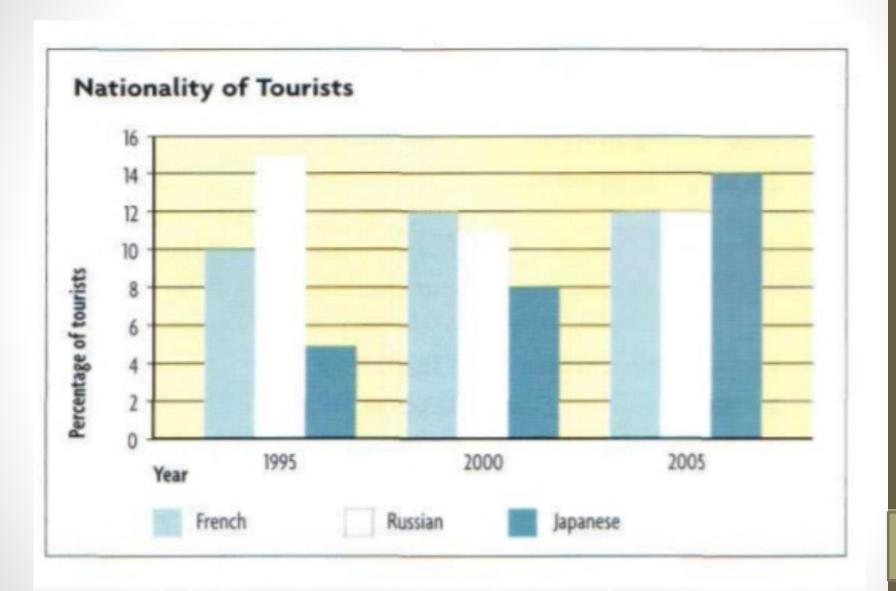


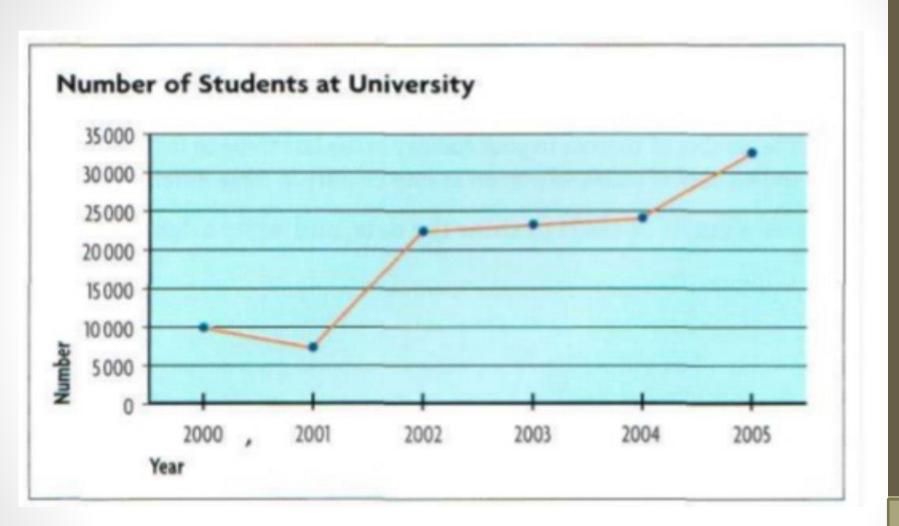
2- Look at the bar chart. Complete the text using the words in the box.

Fewer largest more same smallest than

This bar chart shows the percentage of French, Russian, and Japanese tourists visiting my country. In 1995 the ¹largest percentage, 15%, of foreign visitors came from Russia. There were 5% ²Fewer visitors from France and the ³Smallest group (5%) were from Japan. This changed significantly in 2000, when there were ⁴More French visitors (12%) ⁵Than Russians. Then, in 2005 there was a huge increase in the number of Japanese tourists, who formed the largest group (14%). The percentage of Russian and French visitors was the 6 at 12%.

Overall, the percentage of French and Japanese visitors increased between 1995 and 2005, whereas the percentage of Russian tourists fell.





4-Draw a graph or a bar chart to illustrate the data in a and b Write a description for each set of data and give the descriptions titles. Write about 120

STUDY SKILL Describing a graph or chart

Students are often required to transform data from a graph or chart into text.

Always:

- say what the graph or chart shows.
- describe the main changes.
- summarize the major trends and/or high and low points.

Vary the vocabulary you use.

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a. The amount of time needed for an average worker to earn the money to buy 1 kilo of rice.

1900	75 minutes
1920	65 minutes
1940	35 minutes
1960	20 minutes
1980	12 minutes
2000	15 minutes

b. The number of speakers of the major languages of the world.

1. Mandarin Chinese 845,000,000

2. Hindi 366,000,000

3. Spanish 329,000,000

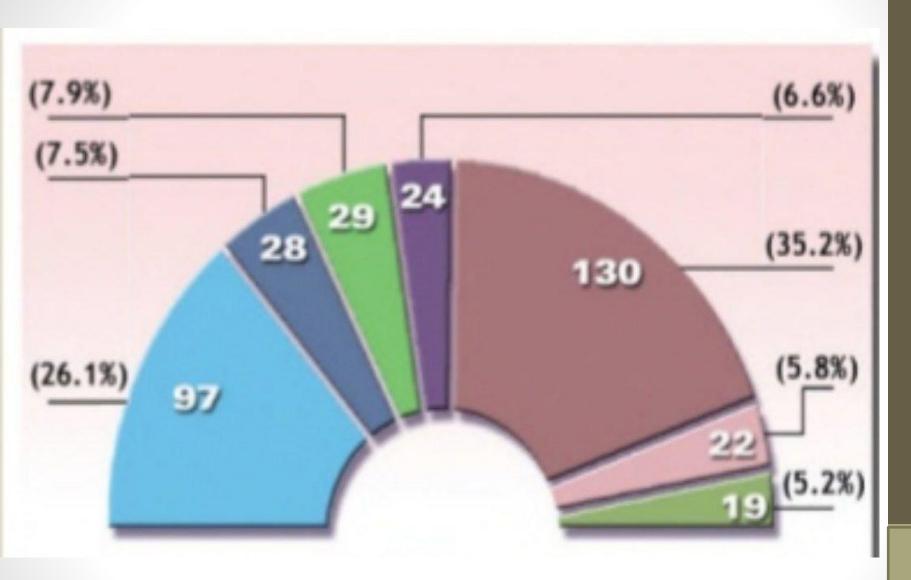
4. English 328,000.000

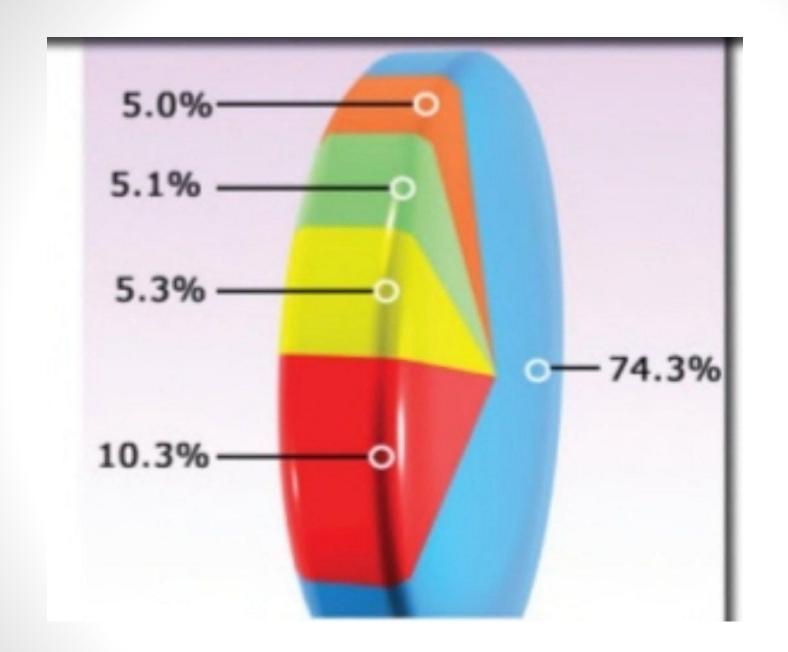
5. 5 Arabic 221,000,000

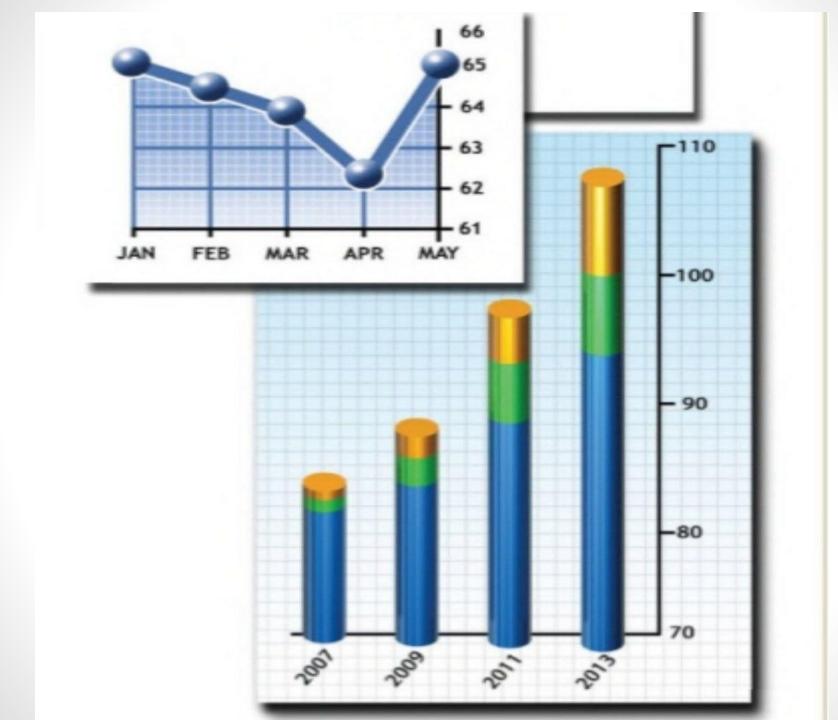
6. Bengali 181,000,000

7. Portuguese 178,000,000

8. Russian 144,000,000







REVIEW

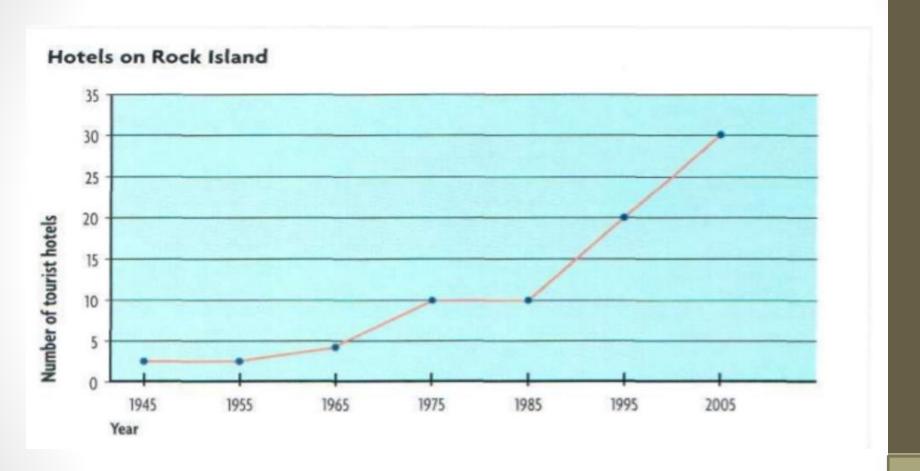
1. Read the description of a graph. Replace the words in bold with synonyms from the unit

The graph shows the average cost of a one-week holiday for a family of four people from 1995 until 2005.

In 1995 the average cost of a holiday was \$500. This **increased** dramatically in 1996 to \$700 and then remained **stable** for the next year. However, in 1998 there was a slight **drop** to about 5650. This was followed by a steady **rise** over the next two years to 5800 by 2000. Between 2000 and 2003, the price **rose** dramatically again to \$1,500. It remained steady at this level in 2004 and then there was **an increase** to a peak of \$1,750 in 2005.

Overall, the graph shows that there has been a continual increase in the price of family holidays except for a slight fall in 1998

2- Write a paragraph describing the graph.



3-Use the Internet or reference books to find out in which country/countries the languages are spoken

Language	<u>Country\countries</u>
Mandarin Chinese	China
Hindi	India
Spanish	Spain, Argentina Chile, Venezuela, Mexico, etc.
English	UK, USA, Canada, New Zealand, Australia, etc.
Arabic	Saudi Arabia UAS, Jordan, Syria, Egypt, Iraq, etc.
Bengali	Bangladesh
Portuguese	Portugal, Brazil, Angola, Mozambique, etc.
Russian	The Russian federation