



DESCRIBING LINE GRAPHS

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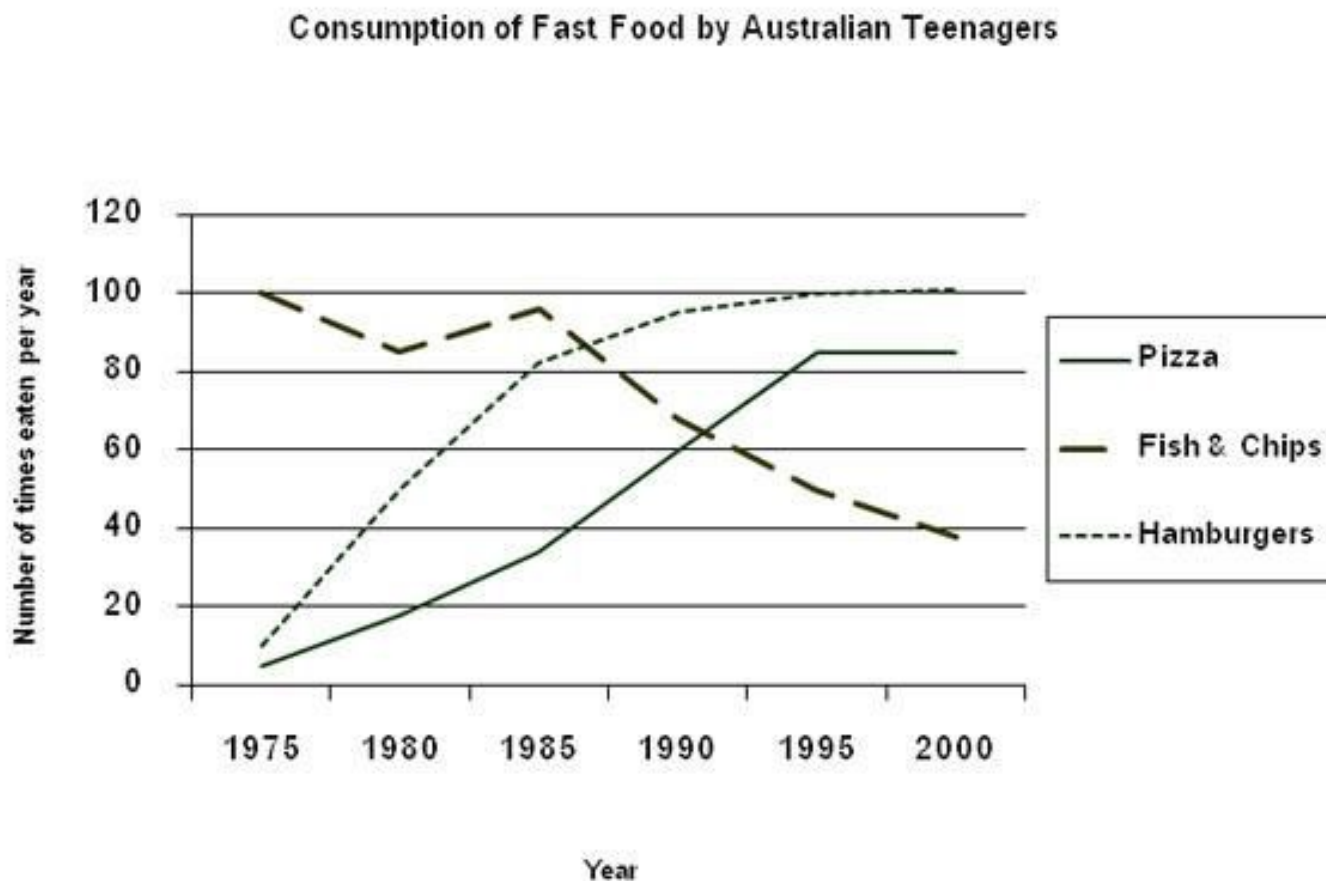
Linking phrases to introduce new sections of the graph

- As regards ...
- If we look at ...
- Regarding...
- As for ...
- With respect to ...

Regarding the income of Bernie's Buns, it started at £ 20,000.

If we look at the trend for / figure for ...

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Making complex structures

1. Subject + verb + adverb:

Sales of DVDs in the UK rose sharply between 2001 and 2004.

2. There + be + a/an + adjective + noun + in + noun ...

There was a sharp rise in the number of sales in the UK between 2001 and 2004.

3. Subject + experienced / saw / witnessed + a/an + adjective + noun:

Sales of DVDs experienced a sharp rise in the UK between 2001 and 2004.

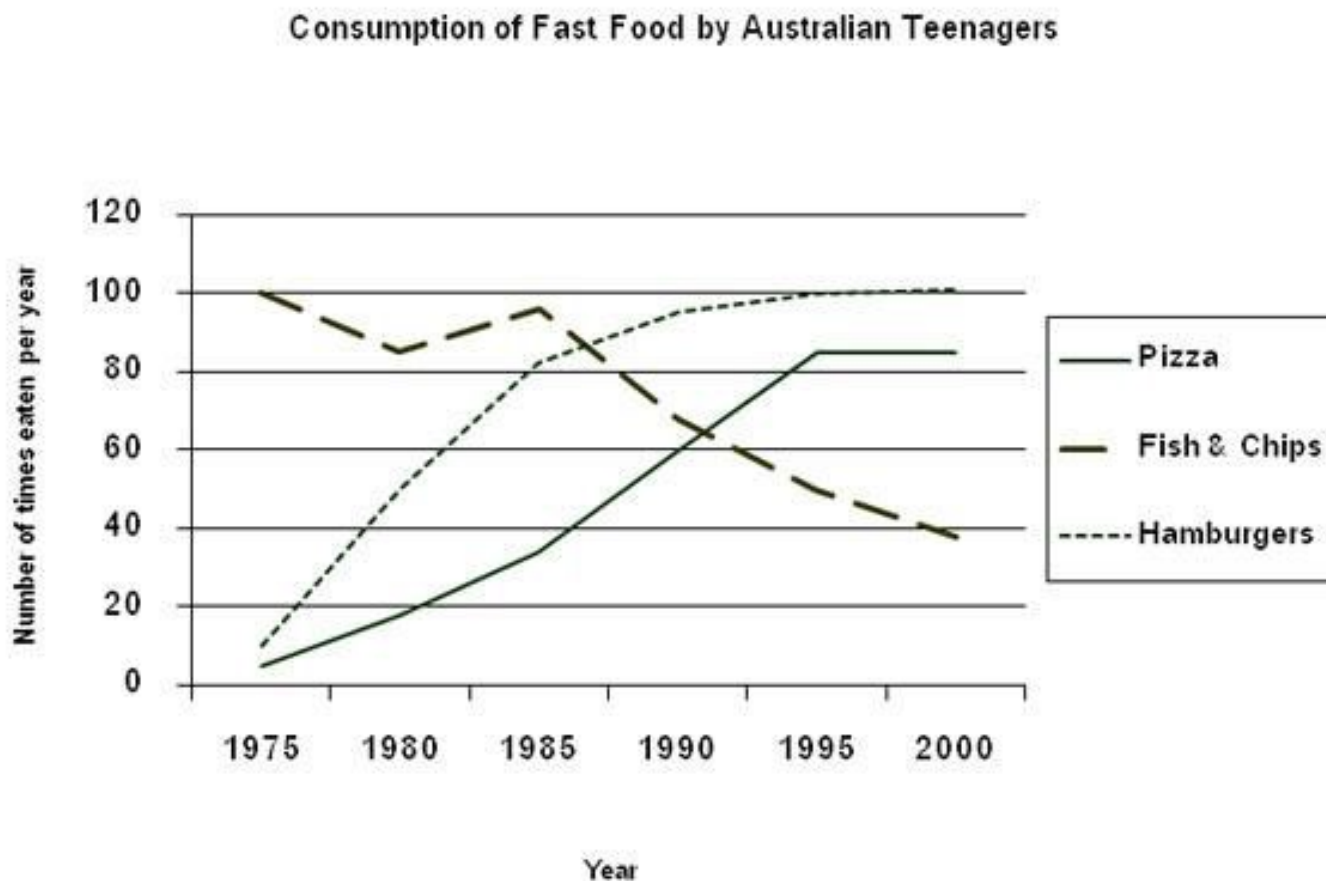
4. Time, + subject + verb + adverb or Subject + experienced + a/an + adj. + noun:

Between 2001 and 2004, sales of DVDs rose sharply in the UK.

Practice

- Average income in Europe grew steadily between 1998 and 2004.
- The income of Robbie's Bakery witnessed a considerable rise in 2008.

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Despite ... and Having ...

You can also use these two structures to join together two changes. Make sure you study how to use them carefully. Don't forget: if you use the *Having* structure, you need the past participle (e.g. *Having fallen ...*).

- **Despite + noun / noun phrase / verb+ing**

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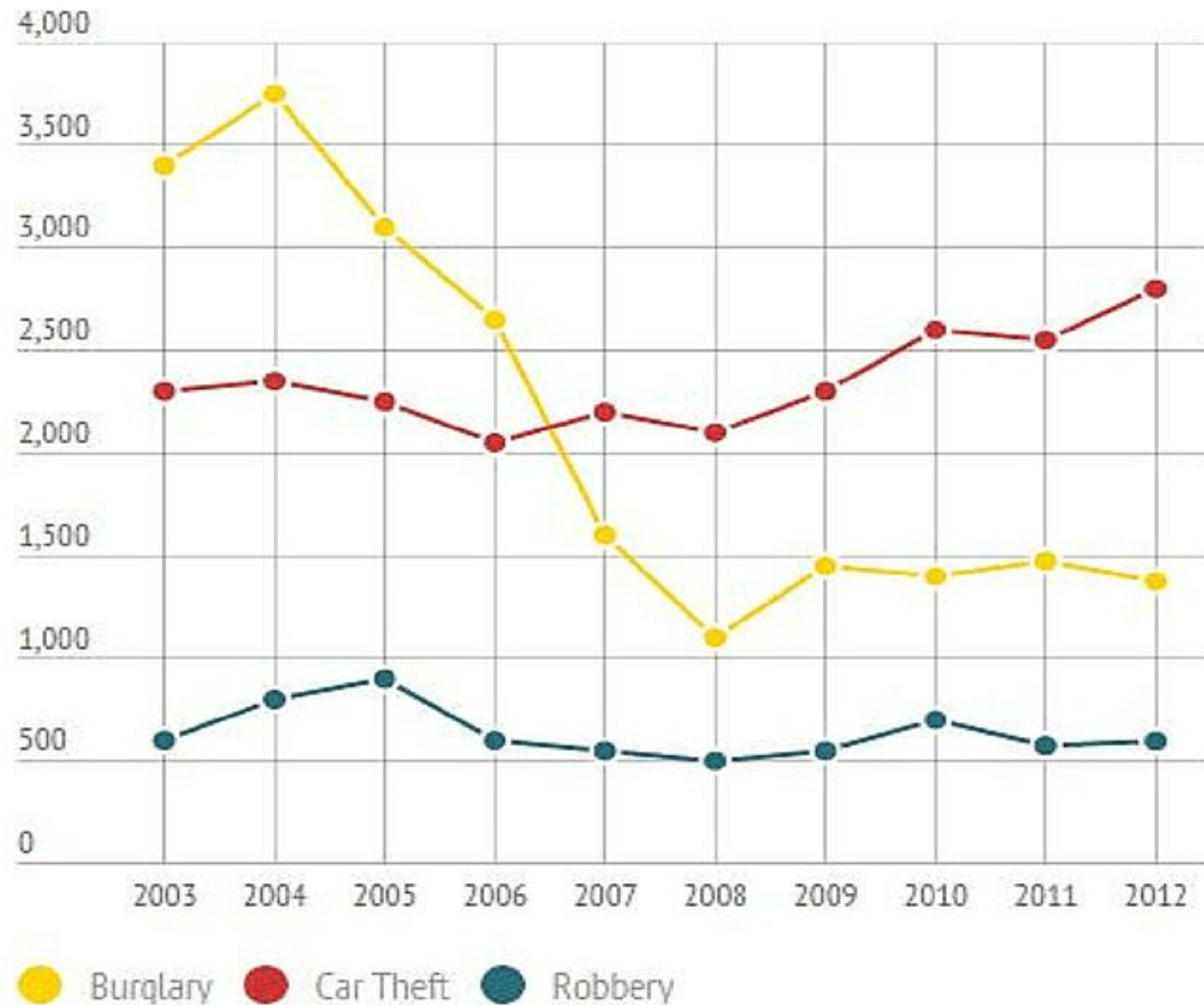
- **Having + past participle**

Having remained stable at £ 55,000, income then rose sharply in 2008.

- 1 There was a steady decline to £80,000, and then income recovered to £90,000 in 2004. (*Despite ...*)
- 2 Earnings dropped sharply to just over £60,000, but then rose slightly. (*Having ...*)

The chart below shows the changes in three different areas of crime in Manchester city centre from 2003-2012.

Summarise the information by selecting and reporting the main features and making comparisons where relevant.



- 1 With *started* and *finished*, use^{at}
Example: *Income started^{at} £55,000.*
- 2 With increases or decreases, use
Example: *There was a sharp rise £70,000.*
- 3 With *remained stable* and *levelled off*, use
- 4 With *peaked*, use
- 5 To describe how much something increases or decreases, use
Example: *The figure went up around £30,000.*
- 6 To describe the range of fluctuation, use
Example: *Earnings fluctuated £80,000 and £90,000.*

Read this paragraph and choose the correct prepositions.

As regards Robbie's Bakery, income started **1** *to / at* £55,000 in 2000 and remained stable **2** *at / to* this figure **3** *during / until* 2005. At this point, there was a sharp rise **4** *to / at* £70,000. Between 2007 and 2008, the figure went up **5** *to / by* around £30,000, **6** *to / from* £70,000 **7** *at / to* nearly £100,000. Finally, income grew gradually, and peaked **8** *at / to* £105,000 in 2010. If we look at Lovely Loaves, earnings fluctuated **9** *between / at* £80,000 and £90,000 in the first five years, and then there was a sharp fall **10** *to / at* £40,000 in 2008. Finally, the figure levelled off **11** *to / at* £40,000, and finished **12** *to / at* the same figure.

Add the missing prepositions to this paragraph.

If we look at Bernie's Buns, income started £20,000 in 2000, and then there was a slight rise £25,000 in 2001. At this point, the figure fell back just over £20,000, followed by a slight increase just under £40,000. Earnings then levelled off £39,000, and then fell marginally £38,000. Income then rose £23,000, £38,000 £61,000. In the next two years, there was a gradual rise around £62,000, and then the figure peaked around £65,000.

To take your Task 1 essay to the next level, try to comment on the data, rather than just give a list of numbers. Add one or two comments to show that you understand and can interpret the graph. Here are some ways you can do this.

- Compare the different parts of the graph, using a relative clause:
The income of Lovely Loaves fell significantly to around £40,000 in 2008, which meant that it earned far less than the other bakeries.
- Comment on the peak:
There was a considerable rise in the takings of Robbie's Bakery in the last two years to £105,000, this figure being the peak level of income during the whole period.
- Add an extra verb to give emphasis:
The income of Robbie's Bakery rose sharply in 2008, rocketing to just under £100,000.
- Add a superlative:
Lovely Loaves earned just over £80,000 in 2000. This meant that it had the highest income of the three bakeries in that year.
- Group data into a period of time:
There was a significant fluctuation in the income of Lovely Loaves in the first half of the decade.

- 1 Forty-eight per cent of people worked in the private sector in 2000, which meant ...
- 2 There was a slight rise in the percentage of people who worked in the public sector, to just over 50% in 2010, this figure being ...
- 3 The percentage of people employed in the public sector rose sharply between 2002 and 2004, soaring ...
- 4 The percentage of people who worked in the private sector went down steadily to 20% in 2010. This meant ...

The graph compares employment rates in three sectors of economy, in the UK, 2000-2010.

