Adjective & Adverbs

Large Changes

Adjectives	Adverbs
significant	significantly
rapid	rapidly
dramatic	dramatically
considerable	considerably
sharp	sharply
sudden	suddenly
steep	steeply

Small or Moderate Changes

Adjectives	Adverbs
slight	slightly
slow	slowly
steady	steadily
gradual	gradually
moderate	moderately
marginal	marginally



Upward Movement

Verbs	Nouns
to increase	an increase
to rise	a rise
to improve	an improvement
to grow	growth
to climb	a climb
to jump	a jump
to peak	a peak
to go up	

Downward Movement

Verbs	Nouns	
to decrease	a decrease	
to fall	a fall	
to decline	a decline	
to drop	a drop	
to dip	a dip	
to go down		
to plummet		

Upward & Downward Movements

Verbs	Nouns
to fluctuate	a fluctuation
to vary	a variation

Little or No Change

Verbs	Nouns
to remain the same	a period of stability
to remain static	MITA
to remain unchanged	RULLE
to stabilize	GOVT. LIC NO: 344
to level out	

Collocations

Verb + Adverb	Adjective + Noun
increased significantly	a dramatic improvement
rose steeply	a sudden increase
improved considerably	a rapid rise
jumped suddenly	a steady growth
fluctuated slightly	a slight fluctuation
fell rapidly	a gradual decrease
dropped dramatically	a steep drop
dipped sharply	a sharp decline

Other Useful Phrases

upward trend	compare to
downward trend	in comparison with
highest point	relative to
lowest point	second/third highest/lowest

Approximations

Approximate	More	Less
roughly	more than	less than
approximately	well over	well below
almost	just above	just below
nearly	just over	just under
about	a little more than	slightly less than
around	a large proportion	a small proportion
exactly	a significant majority	a insignificant minority



6% - a small proportion	53% - more than half
23% - just under a quarter	72% - slightly less than three quarters
27% - approximately a quarter	77% - roughly three quarters
48% - almost a half	85% - well over three quarters
50% - exactly a half	96% - a significant majority