ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

Describing Graphs in English Quiz: Rise, Fall, Level Off, Peak

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Explanations

1. Unemployment ___ from 8% to 6% last year.
✔ **D) fell**
From 8% to 6% is down, so the number fell. Fall, fell, fallen: the number goes down.

2. Petrol prices have ___ sharply this month, and drivers are angry.
✔ **B) risen**
The present perfect needs the past participle risen. Raise needs an object (the company raised prices).

3. The number of shoppers ___ when a new shopping centre opened outside town.
✔ **A) dropped**
Drop: fall, often suddenly or by a lot. The story is in the past, so dropped.

4. Sales of DVDs have ___ every year since streaming became popular.
✔ **C) decreased**
Decrease is the opposite of increase and needs no object. Lower needs an object; descend is about moving down a hill or stairs.

5. Thanks to the new website, our bookings have ___: from 50 to 100 a week.
✔ **B) doubled**
Double: become twice as big. From 50 to 100 is twice as many.

6. The price of the old laptops was ___ in the sale: from £400 to £200.
✔ **D) halved**
Halve (halved) is the verb: become, or make something, half as big. Half is the noun.

7. After the storm, the number of visitors fell, but it ___ within a month.
✔ **A) recovered**
Recover: after a fall, the number goes back up to where it was.

8. Hotel prices ___ in July and August, then fall in September.
✔ **C) peak**
Peak: reach the highest point. Peek (look quickly) sounds the same but has a different spelling.

9. After two years of growth, the number of members has ___ at about 500.
✔ **A) levelled off**
Level off: stop going up or down and stay flat.

10. The price of coffee has remained ___ for months: no big changes.
✔ **B) stable**
Remain stable: stay at about the same level. After remain, use the adjective.

11. There was a ___ fall in sales after the TV advert: from 9,000 to 2,000 in a week.
✔ **D) dramatic**
Dramatic: very big and sudden. A fall from 9,000 to 2,000 in a week is not slight, gradual or steady.

12. The ice is melting ___: a little more every year.
✔ **C) gradually**
Gradually is the adverb of gradual: slowly, a little at a time. It describes the verb melting.

13. Sales have risen ___ for years, but this month there was a ___ fall.
✔ **B) steadily … dramatic**
An adverb describes the verb (risen steadily); an adjective describes the noun (a dramatic fall).

14. Sixty ___ of the students cycle to school, and ___ average the journey takes twelve minutes.
✔ **A) per cent … on**
Use per cent after a number. The fixed phrase is on average, not in average.

15. The ___ chart shows that the general ___ is clear: more people are buying electric cars.
✔ **C) bar … trend**
A bar chart uses bars of different heights. A trend is the general direction numbers move in over time; trendy means fashionable.