

ACTIVITY 1

Practise and consolidate your learning by completing our activities. In this one you need to choose the correct modal verb to complete the sentences below.

Question 1: Sales rose last year from 50,000 to 100,000 units. This represents an _____ of 100%.

Answer:

- a. increased
- b. increase
- c. go up

Question 2: This was a _____ development – the first time targets were reached.

Answer:

- a. significantly
- b. significant
- c. insignificant

Question 3: The Grade Point Average (GPA) of the group fell _____ the more part-time work the students did.

Answer:

- a. dramatical
- b. dramatically
- c. down

Question 4: The numbers of students enrolling in university degree programs _____ at the beginning of 2002.

Answer:

- a. rise
- b. rose
- c. rose up

Question 5: The hospitality sector was shaken and experienced a _____ decline with the introduction of the new tax on services.

Answer:

- a. suddenly
- b. sudden
- c. modest

Question 6: As the diet of the aborigines changed and they ate less traditional food, so various diseases such a diabetes _ _ _ _ _.

- Answer:**
- a. increase
 - b. increased
 - c. increasing

Question 7: The gap between rich and poor _ _ _ _ _ steadily from the beginning of the century.

- Answer:**
- a. grow
 - b. growth
 - c. grew

Question 8: As inflation continued to soar the _ _ _ _ _ poor and desperate people thought more and more of revolution.

- Answer:**
- a. increasing
 - b. increasingly
 - c. increased

Question 9: The margin of 7% looks _ _ _ _ _ but it represents a tremendous improvement.

- Answer:**
- a. slight
 - b. slightly
 - c. dramatically

Question 10: The increase was a _ _ _ _ _ improvement and had little bearing on final profits.

- Answer:**
- a. major
 - b. minor
 - c. insignificant

ACTIVITY 2

Prepositions of Time

Complete the following phrases, selecting the correct preposition of time from the choices offered.

Question 1: _ _ _ _ _ March till June

Answer:
a. between
b. from
c. for

Question 2: Sales picked up _ _ _ _ _ March and June.

Answer:
a. between
b. for
c. from

Question 3: Production fell _ _ _ _ _ 30%.

Answer:
a. from
b. for
c. by

Question 4: Production fell _ _ _ _ _ the first quarter.

Answer:
a. in
b. by
c. at

Question 5: The sun is at its hottest _ _ _ _ _ 2.00 in the afternoon.

Answer:
a. on
b. in
c. at

Question 6: Production increased all year _ _ _ _ _ targets were reached.

- Answer:**
- a. till
 - b. to
 - c. by

Question 7: Pollution levels rose steadily _ _ _ _ _ the three months of summer.

- Answer:**
- a. on
 - b. for
 - c. between

Question 8: Bank interest rates will rise _ _ _ _ _ the 1st of July, according to the Treasurer.

- Answer:**
- a. on
 - b. for
 - c. at

Question 9: Oil prices plateaued and remained steady _ _ _ _ _ the end of the financial year.

- Answer:**
- a. to
 - b. at
 - c. until

Question 10: The value of the AUS \$ fell _ _ _ _ _ 70¢ against the Greenback (US \$).

- Answer:**
- a. to
 - b. till
 - c. by

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Answers

1. Sales rose last year from 50,000 to 100,000 units. This represents an **increase** of 100%.
2. This was a **significant** development – the first time targets were reached.
3. The Grade Point Average (GPA) of the group fell **dramatically** the more part-time work the students did.
4. The numbers of students enrolling in university degree programs **rose** at the beginning of 2002.
5. The hospitality sector was shaken and experienced a **sudden** decline with the introduction of the new tax on services.
6. As the diet of the aborigines changed and they ate less traditional food, so various diseases such a diabetes **increased**.
7. The gap between rich and poor **grew** steadily from the beginning of the century.
8. As inflation continued to soar the **increasingly** poor and desperate people thought more and more of revolution.
9. The margin of 7% looks **slight**, but it represents a tremendous improvement.
10. The increase was a **minor** improvement and had little bearing on final profits.

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Answers

1. **From** March till June
2. Sales picked up **between** March and June.
3. Production fell **by** 30%.
4. Production fell **in** the first quarter.
5. The sun is at its hottest **at** 2.00 in the afternoon.
6. Production increased all year **till** targets were reached.
7. Pollution levels rose steadily **for** the three months of summer.
8. Bank interest rates will rise **on** the 1st of July, according to the Treasurer.
9. Oil prices plateaued and remained **steady** until the end of the financial year.
10. The value of the AUS \$ fell **to** 70¢ against the Greenback (US \$).