

PREPOSITIONS USED IN GRAPH DESCRIPTION

preposition	meaning	example
by	to indicate the amount of increase or decrease	1) consumption fell by 2% last year.
of		2) there was a fall of 2% in consumption last year.
in		3) there was a fall in consumption last year.

Note: use **by** after a verb
of after a noun and before the amount
in after a noun and before the topic

at	to indicate position	Inflation remained stable at 2.2%.
against	to indicate measure or value of something by comparing it with the other thing	Lately the dollar has plunged to its lowest rate against the euro.
from to	to describe ranges stating maximum and minimum amounts	Inflation went up from 2.2% to 2.3% last month.
between	to indicate the quantity from one to another	The rate of increase is between 25 and 30

Time prepositions used in graph description

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in	to denote periods of time (months, years)	In 2000 exports increased steadily. In January inflation reached 2.4%.
during	to denote when something happened	Prices leveled off during August.
by	to indicate that something happened not later than...	The economy started to recover in August and by September the steady increase was maintained.
until	to indicate how long the trend continued	The steady increase was maintained until the second week in October.

between	to indicate the period of time from one date to another or	Between 1998 and 2000 unemployment increased slightly. percent
throughout	during the period of time	Throughout June and July movements were erratic.
Fromto	to indicate the interval	From December to January prices fluctuated.

Note:

Use **in January** *but at the beginning/end of January*
in 2000 *but at the beginning/end of 2000*

Do not use any prepositions with:

This/ last/ next (year, month, etc.)

For example: **Last year** inflation remained stable at

This month there has been a significant increase in prices.