

## PREPOSITIONS USED IN GRAPH DESCRIPTION

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

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

## Time prepositions used in graph description

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

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