



ACTIVITY SHEET

EPISODE 3: COMPANY GROWTH

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

Activity 1

- Sales rose last year from 50,000 to 100,000 units. This represents an _____ of 100%.
 - increased
 - increase
 - go up
- This was a _____ development – the first time targets were reached.
 - significantly
 - significant
 - insignificant
- The Grade Point Average (GPA) of the group fell _____ the more part-time work the students did.
 - dramatical
 - dramatically
 - down
- The numbers of students enrolling in university degree programs _____ at the beginning of 2002.
 - rise
 - rose
 - rose up
- The hospitality sector was shaken and experienced a _____ decline with the introduction of the new tax on services.
 - suddenly
 - sudden
 - modest
- As the diet of the aborigines changed and they ate less traditional food, so various diseases such as diabetes _____.
 - increase
 - increased
 - increasing
- The gap between rich and poor _____ steadily from the beginning of the century.
 - grow
 - growth
 - grew
- As inflation continued to soar the _____ poor and desperate people thought more and more of revolution.
 - increasing
 - increasingly
 - increased
- The margin of 7% looks _____, but it represents a tremendous improvement.
 - slight



- b. slightly
 - c. dramatically
10. The increase was a _____ improvement and had little bearing on final profits.
- a. major
 - b. minor
 - c. insignificant

Activity 1

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 as 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.

Activity 2

Prepositions of Time

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

1. _____ March till June
 - a. between
 - b. from
 - c. for
2. Sales picked up _____ March and June.
 - a. between
 - b. for
 - c. from



3. Production fell _____ 30% .
 - a. from
 - b. for
 - c. by

4. Production fell _____ the first quarter.
 - a. in
 - b. by
 - c. at

5. The sun is at its hottest _____ 2.00 in the afternoon.
 - a. on
 - b. in
 - c. at

6. Production increased all year _____ targets were reached.
 - a. till
 - b. to
 - c. by

7. Pollution levels rose steadily _____ the three months of summer.
 - a. on
 - b. for
 - c. between

8. Bank interest rates will rise _____ the 1st of July, according to the Treasurer.
 - a. on
 - b. for
 - c. at

9. Oil prices plateaued and remained steady _____ the end of the financial year.
 - a. to
 - b. at
 - c. until

10. The value of the AUS \$ fell _____ 70¢ against the Greenback (US \$).
 - a. to
 - b. till
 - c. by

Activity 2

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 \$).

