

The language of trends miming game IELTS Academic Writing Task One/ Business English

Choose one of the cards below or take one from the pack your teacher gives you and mime the trends meaning and/ or the original meaning (e.g. diving into a pool) until your partner guesses which one you are demonstrating. You cannot speak, but you can make

sound effects if your partner needs help.

dive	take off	rocket	crash
fluctuate	turbulence	shrink	grow/ expand
bottom out	reach a peak	pick up	slump
escalate	halve	double	triple
bounce back	cut	slash	explode
soft landing	bumpy landing	V-shaped (recession)	U-shaped (recession)
W-shaped (recession)	dip	double dip (recession)	plummet
raise	recover	improve	shoot up
soar	buoyant	deteriorate	jump
remain flat/ remain steady	flatten out	rapidly	suddenly
dramatically	sharply	rise steadily	slightly

Ask about any which you couldn't mime, are not sure the meaning of, etc.

Play the same guessing game, but this time without your partner being able to look at the list of options.

Which idioms above are connected to flying, sports and water?

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