# Interpreting diagrams

- more/ less/ fewer than - in comparison with/ compared

- to rise/ fall/ grow/ increase/ decrease - percentage/ amount/ number

- majority/ minority - turning point

- as a result of/ cause/ effect/ link/ relation - …leads to/ … reaches a high/low point

- … has dropped/ fallen/ decreased/ increased - compares the size of …

- … has risen slowly/ fast/ rapidly/ steadily/ gradually by … per cent

- … has doubled/ has stayed nearly the same/ at the same level/ has reached a peak

- … the diagram/ pie chart/ line graph/ bar chart/ flow chart/ table tells us/ shows

- … the diagram deals with/ is about…/ contrasts … with …

- … the diagram contains data from - shows the difference in ….

- …the most outstanding development/change…seems to have been/appears to have occured

- There are vast/ big/ surprising differences between ….

- The bars are arranged horizontally/ vertically - statistical analysis

- At the top/ bottom of the ranking comes … - is first/last in rank

- … represents…/ constitutes the majority/ minority

- has the largest/ second largest - statistically significant

- These statistics are misleading/ not very meaningful/ display a definite trend

- These statistics are a clear illustration of - The statistics were received with concern.

- The chart is divided into … segments. - …is twice times/ three times as high as

- There are more than/ nearly twice as many … as there are ….

- reliable/ up to date - according to official statistics/ figures

- An important statistic is that 94 per cent of crime relates to property.

- unemployment/ crime.. statistics/ figures - statistics on unemployment

- Statistics should be treated with caution. - Statistics show that…