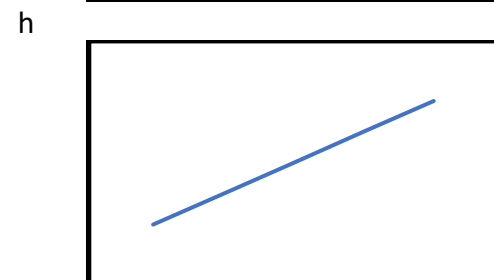
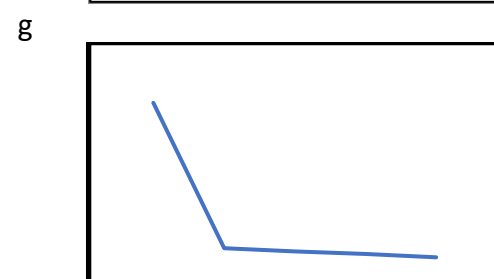
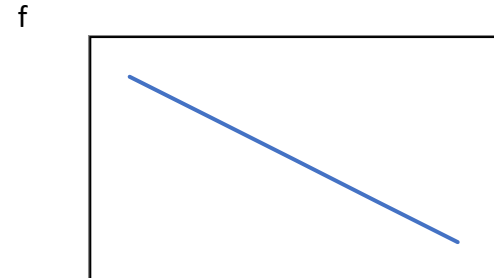
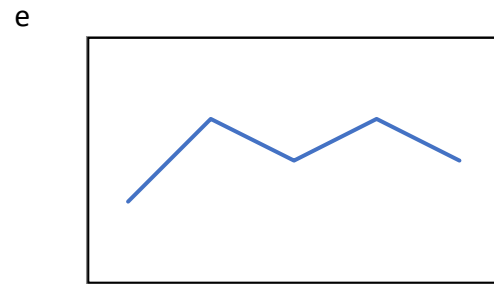
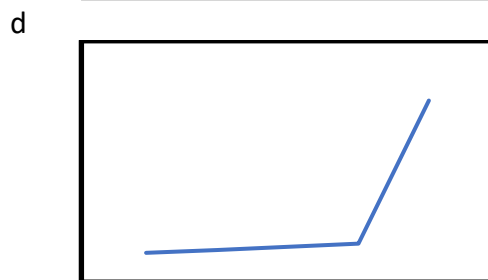
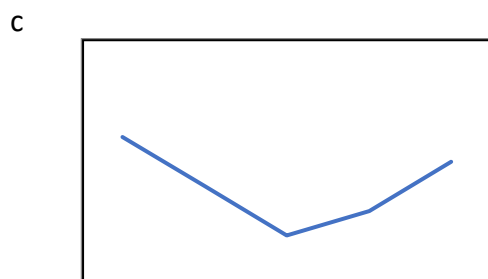
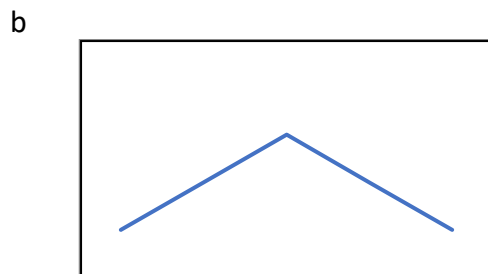
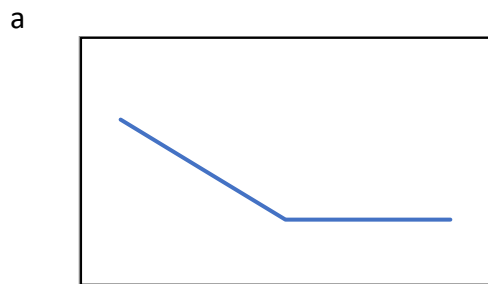


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Describing Trends

Activity 1

Look at the following graphs. Match them to their descriptions:



Fluctuate

Rocket

Plummet

Rise

Fall

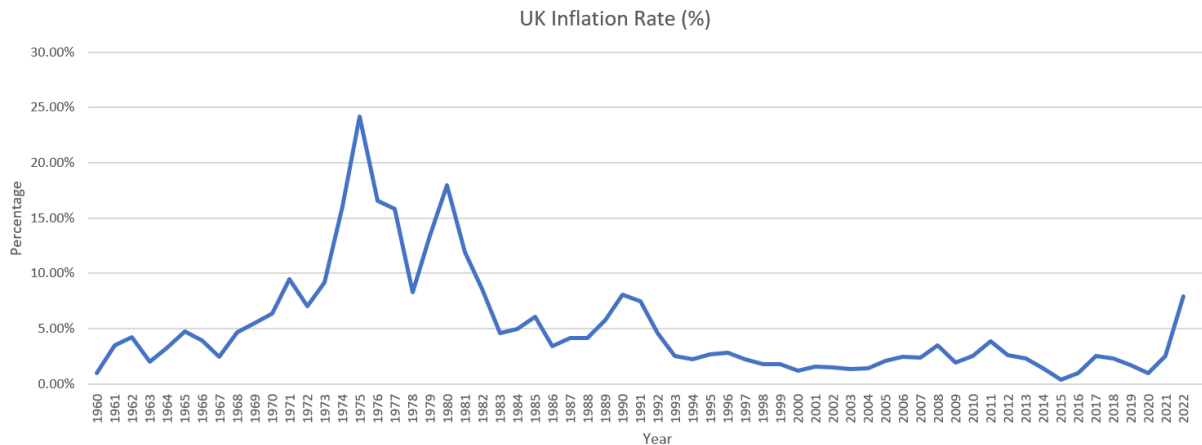
Level off

Peak

Trough

Inflation

Inflation is the term used to describe the rising of prices over a given time. Any positive inflation rate means that prices are rising. The graph below shows the UK's inflation rates since 1960. In 1980, inflation was at 18%. In 1981, it fell to 12%. That does not mean prices were falling, it means that they were rising at a lower rate or more slowly than the year before.



Activity 2

Using the above graph, answer the following questions:

1. In what year was inflation at its highest?
2. In what year was inflation at its lowest?
3. How would you describe the trend from 1972 to 1975?
4. How would you describe the trend from 1993 to 2003?
5. How would you describe the trend from 1977 to 1979?
6. What has happened to inflation since 2020?
7. Which decade had the highest average inflation rate?
8. Which decade had the lowest inflation rate?