## Rise and Fall

### Rise

T – transitive only

IN – intransitive only

B – can be used transitively and intransitively

To soar IN so: / To skyrocket IN - to increase very dramatically

To escalate B – to intensify or increase (usually of violence or conflict)

To mount IN – to accumulate

To hike up T – To increase prices or charges

To swell IN - To increase in size or number

To surge IN – To suddenly increase in power or number

#### Fall

To dwindle IN 'dwindel— to become steadily smaller or less

To plunge/ to plummet IN 'plnmit – to fall dramatically

To wane IN – to decline in strength, power or number

To recede IN – to lessen, draw back, give way or retreat

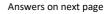
To diminish B – (to make or cause) to seem lesser, weaker or less important.

To slump IN - To experience a sudden weakening or lessening of strength or energy.

# Fill in the gaps using the verbs in the box. Sometimes more than one answer is possible.

- My childhood interest in chess gradually \_\_\_\_\_ once I became an adult and found other things to distract me.
- 2. The town's economy \_\_\_\_\_ once the company moved the factory overseas.
- 3. The government caused nationwide protests after they taxes.
- 4. The bee population, essential to crops, suddenly \_\_\_\_\_ causing widespread alarm among farmers .
- Our customers' numbers \_\_\_\_\_\_ until there were none at all and we were forced to close.
- 6. What started off as a small group,
  \_\_\_\_\_ to a vast crowd by the time
  it got dark.
- 7. Ironically, interest in his art \_\_\_\_\_\_ after his death.
- 8. The argument \_\_\_\_\_ and within a short time she was threatening to divorce him.







#### **Answers**

1. waned/dwindled/receded/diminished 2. slumped 3. hiked up 4. plummeted/ plunged 5. waned/dwindled

6. swelled 7. surged/soared/mounted/skyrocketed 8. escalated

