

Rise**T** – transitive only**IN** – intransitive only**B** – can be used transitively and intransitivelyTo soar **IN** **SO** / To skyrocket **IN** - to increase very dramaticallyTo escalate **B** – to intensify or increase (usually of violence or conflict)To mount **IN** – to accumulateTo hike up **T** – To increase prices or chargesTo swell **IN** - To increase in size or numberTo surge **IN** – To suddenly increase in power or number**Fall**To dwindle **IN** 'dwindl – to become steadily smaller or lessTo plunge/ to plummet **IN** 'plamit – to fall dramaticallyTo wane **IN** – to decline in strength, power or numberTo recede **IN** – to lessen, draw back, give way or retreatTo 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.**

1. 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 .
5. 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.



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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