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c) At the moment our sales $\qquad$ [REMAIN STEADY]
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despite financial crisis.' Surprised?" [SOAR]
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## Teacher's notes

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a) Sales of the eStand $\qquad$ fell. $\qquad$ last month. [FALL]
b) This year the dollar has slumped to record lows. [SLUMP]
c) At the moment our sales are remaining steady. [REMAIN STEADY]
d) An ounce of gold hit a high of $\$ 1,700.30$ in last Friday's trading. [HIT]
e) The dollar dived against the yen overnight. [DIVE] nb also dove (US)
f) Inflation has risen 3 times so far this year. [RISE]
g) Sales of the swimsuit calendar took off after the model had an affair with the former Governor of California. [TAKE OFF]
h) "Bill, the headline in today's Globe and Mail says: 'Profits soar despite financial crisis.' Surprised?" [SOAR]
nb newspaper headlines are often in present simple form when the full sentence would be in present perfect:

Profits have soared despite the financial crisis.
i) While investors have punished the euro this year, we believe that it will bounce back [BOUNCE BACK] in the next quarter.
j) President Bush's popularity in Slovakia dipped after he said he was enjoying his time in Slovenia. [DIP]
k) Since January unemployment has risen significantly, posing a problem for President Camerama's re-election campaign. [RISE]
nb has been rising is also possible though in this sentence we're focusing on the result, not the action.
I) From April to August last year sales fluctuated between 110 and 130 units. [FLUCTUATE]
m) Inflation has been rising steadily in the past year. [RISE] nb has risen is also possible
Also note the difference between last year and in the last year.
Last year - eg 2010

## Sales hit one million

In the last year - one year ago until now
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o) We anticipate that the employment figures will improve early next year. [IMPROVE]
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