



**The language of trends miming game
(IELTS Academic Writing Part One/ Business English)**

Choose one of the cards below or take one from the pack your teacher gives you and mime the trends meaning and/ or original meaning (e.g. diving into a pool) until your partner guesses which one you are demonstrating. You cannot speak, but you can make sound effects if your partner needs a hint.

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| Dive | take off | rocket | crash |
| fluctuate | turbulence | shrink | grow/ expand |
| bottom out | reach a peak | pick up | slump |
| escalate | halve | double | triple |
| bounce back | cut | slash | explode |
| soft landing | bumpy landing | V-shaped (recession) | U-shaped (recession) |
| W-shaped (recession) | dip | double dip (recession) | plummet |
| raise | recover | improve | shoot up |
| soar | buoyant | deteriorate | jump |
| remain flat/ remain steady | flatten out | rapidly | suddenly |
| dramatically | sharply | rise steadily | slightly |

Do the same, but without your partner being able to look at the list of options

Which idioms above are connected to flying, sports and water?