

D. DESCRIBING GRAPHS/TRENDS

Read the following sentences from the text :

- « Operation Pangea says it seized 2.4 million fake and illicit pills in 2011 ; in 2015, the total number of pills seized jumped to 20.7 million. »
- « The number has likely risen over time. »

1.) Do you know any other verbs/expressions to describe a growing trend ?

2.) Do you know any verbs/expressions to describe a falling trend ?

3.) Which of the verbs in the box indicate

a.) a rise

b.) a sharp rise

c.) (almost) no change

d.) a fall

e.) a sharp fall

To soar	To rocket	To plummet	To keep steady
To weaken	To increase	To decrease	To remain stable
To collapse	To recover	To drop	To decline
To plunge	To jump	To remain constant	To grow

4.) Look at the following statistics from Operation Pangea and complete the sentences below with verbs from the box (using the correct verb tense) and prepositions.

Dates	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Participating countries	25	44	81	100	99	111	115
Websites shut down	153	297	13,500	>18,000	13,700	10,600	2,414
Products seized	167,000	>2,000,000	2,400,000	3,750,000	9,800,000	9,400,000	20,700,000
Arrests	59	87	92	80	213	239	156

- The counterfeit drug trade _____ dramatically _____ 2009.
- _____ 2012 _____ 2013, the number of participating countries in Pangea operations _____.
- The number of products seized soared _____ 20.7 million.
- The number of arrests _____ 35 % in 2015.
- The number of websites shut down by Pangea _____ 10,600 _____ 2,414.