

General economics

There are three kinds of lies —
lies, damned lies and statistics.

Mark Twain

Noms

economics	les sciences économiques
an economist	un économiste
an economic policy	une politique économique
supply and demand	l'offre et la demande
inflation	l'inflation
expansion	le développement
growth	la croissance
a recovery	une reprise
a downturn	une baisse sensible
recession	la récession
stagnation	la stagnation
the slump	le marasme
a wage freeze	un blocage des salaires
a price freeze	un blocage des prix
a credit squeeze	des restrictions de crédit
the balance of payments	la balance des paiements
a gap	un écart
the outlook	la perspective
the economic forecast	les prévisions économiques
a trend, a tendency	une tendance
the standard of living	le niveau de vie
the cost of living	le coût de la vie
GNP = Gross National Product	PNB = Produit National Brut
GDP = Gross Domestic Product	PIB = Produit Intérieur Brut
purchasing power	le pouvoir d'achat
an incentive	un stimulant
a profit margin	une marge bénéficiaire
competition	la concurrence
statistics	les statistiques
figures	les chiffres
a graph	un graphique
a chart	un tableau
a pie chart	un camembert
a bar chart	un histogramme

Adjectifs et adverbess

economic	économique (en rapport avec la situation économique)
economical	peu coûteux
sluggish	stagnant, léthargique
gloomy	sombre, triste
gradually	petit à petit
steadily, regularly	régulièrement
sharply	brusquement
steeply	de façon abrupte

Verbes

to boom	être en expansion
to boost	stimuler, relancer
to put* the economy back on its feet	relancer l'économie
to make* a profit	faire des bénéfices
to make* a loss	subir des pertes
to break* even	atteindre le seuil de rentabilité
to predict	prédire
to compete (with someone)	être en concurrence avec qqn.
to raise (tr)	élever
to rise*, to go* up	monter
to soar	monter en flèche
to increase	augmenter
to reach a peak	atteindre un niveau maximum
to widen	s'élargir
to remain stable	rester stable
to fluctuate	fluctuer
to go* down, to fall*, to drop	tomber
to decrease	diminuer
to plunge	plonger
to collapse	s'effondrer
to reach a low	atteindre le niveau le plus bas
to narrow	se rétrécir

EXERCICES

1 Conversion

Pour chaque mot souligné, trouvez un mot appartenant à une autre catégorie grammaticale.

Ex : Prices have plunged during the last month.

to plunge (v) = plonger → a plunge (n) = une chute

1. The pundits forecast a difficult year for the economy. 2. The government wants to squeeze profit margins. 3. Last year inflation peaked at 12 %. 4. There's been a big jump in consumer spending. 5. The gap between rich and poor is not as narrow as it was. 6. Our company has received a boost from the government in the form of a grant.

2 Dérivation

Trouvez des mots dérivés des mots suivants :

1. economy 2. steady 3. to compete 4. gloom 5. steep 6. wide 7. to expand 8. inflate 9. to recover

3 Composition

Trouvez au moins un mot composé à partir de chacun des mots suivants :

1. chart 2. turn 3. look 4. standard 5. power 6. freeze 7. margin

4 Synonymes

Trouvez un mot ou une expression de sens voisin pour :

1. to plunge 2. bleak 3. to soar 4. to decline 5. to expand 6. a trend

5 Antonymes

Trouvez un mot ou une expression de sens opposé pour :

1. to reach a low 2. to remain steady 3. to widen 4. expansion 5. to decrease 6. to plunge 7. to make a profit

6 Constructions

Trouvez le mot grammatical manquant.

1. Inflation means that a country's money is decreasing ... value. 2. The credit squeeze means consumers have less money to spend ... goods. 3. To reflate means to increase the supply of money ... a normal level. 4. Unemployment has levelled out ... 10 %. 5. Last year inflation increased ... 7 to 8 %, that is ... 1 % only.

(a) at (b) in (c) on (d) to (e) from (f) by

7 Définitions

Trouvez pour chaque élément de la première série sa définition dans la seconde.

1. economics 2. the cost of living 3. a recession 4. inflation 5. a forecaster

(a) a fall in trade, or in the economy generally (b) a subject studied at school or university (c) someone who tries to predict future trends (d) money which has to be paid for food, rent, heating, etc. (e) a situation where prices rise to keep up with production costs

8 Apprenez en lisant

Complétez les phrases suivantes à l'aide des mots fournis en vrac :

1. He teaches ... at university, so he knows all about inflation. 2. If you want to ... , then it's best to buy a small car. 3. This country's ... is in a terrible state, and a recession is looming. 4. ... speaking, we're about to plunge into a period of gloom and doom. 5. Gas central heating is much more ... than any other kind. 6. What do you think of the prime minister's new ... policy?

(a) economically (b) economy (c) economic (d) economics (e) economic (f) economical

Invest in inflation. It's the only thing going up.
Will Rogers