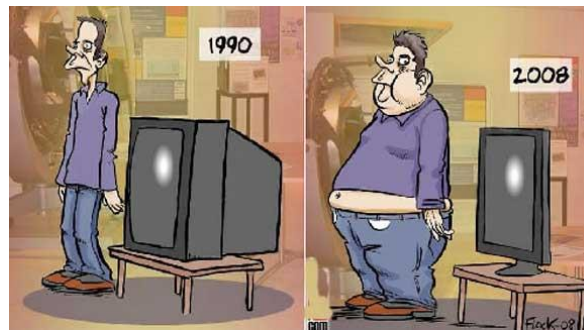
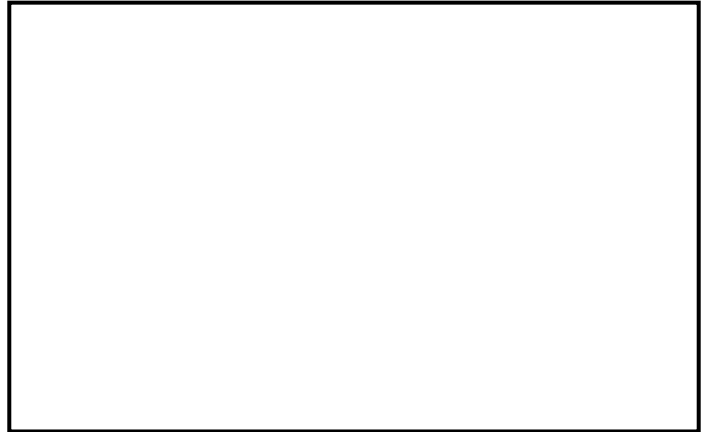


Television viewing hours

Read the following text and draw the corresponding graph on the right.

The graph opposite covers the years 1976 to 2008. It shows that the number of television viewing hours rose steadily and steeply during that period in the US, starting at just under 5 hours a day to reach more than 7 hours in 2008. There was a slight increase in 1982 and sharper falls in 1986 and 1991. The next decrease, in 1994, is **hardly** (*à peine*) significant. Though we do not have the latest figures, it is unlikely that the trend will have reversed.



Monthly ice-cream sales

Comment on the graph below using and organising the following expressions:

- Sales rose / went up / increased / climbed ...
- + adverb (slowly / steadily / rapidly / gradually ...)
- Sales stood at ...
- Sales peaked / peaked out
- Sales levelled out / flattened out
- Sales bottomed out
- This was due to ...
- This was the result of ...
- This caused ...
- This led to ...

Avoid repetitions !

**Conclude by saying
Whether this graph
is typical or not;
Justify your answer.**

