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**Global** fashion corporation American Mist Incorporated has announced a 4 percent rise in profits as of the last **fiscal quarter**. Analysts **predict profits** for the year will rise 6 percent. This is in contrast to last year, when the company posted a 12 percent loss. Recently appointed CEO Alexander Miller said he expected this **trend** to continue, helped by the company's new clothing line Secret Sexy. Mr. Miller said the line has done especially well among college women. He stated the company's future will moreover be **improved** by large numbers of customers **switching to** the internet to make their purchases instead of going to stores. He noted the company's online sales have risen **substantially** following an upgrade of its website, with visitors up to 16 percent for the year.

1. The trend this year is \_\_\_\_\_

2. I predict \_\_\_\_\_

3. The \_\_\_\_\_ has improved.

4. The \_\_\_\_\_ has not improved.

5. A large number of customers \_\_\_\_\_