

# Collocations – Worksheet 1

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## Exercise 1: Match the verbs and nouns

Match each verb with the noun or phrase it collocates with. There is one extra option you do not need.

**Example:** make → a decision

### WORD BOX

awareness a deadline a promise attention a business a conclusion responsibility  
the truth homework

1. raise \_\_\_\_\_ → \_\_\_\_\_
2. meet \_\_\_\_\_ → \_\_\_\_\_
3. break \_\_\_\_\_ → \_\_\_\_\_
4. pay \_\_\_\_\_ → \_\_\_\_\_
5. run \_\_\_\_\_ → \_\_\_\_\_
6. draw \_\_\_\_\_ → \_\_\_\_\_
7. take \_\_\_\_\_ → \_\_\_\_\_
8. tell \_\_\_\_\_ → \_\_\_\_\_

## Exercise 2: Complete the sentences

Complete each sentence with a word from the box. Use each word once. There are two extra words.

**Example:** We had a \_\_\_ argument and didn't speak for hours. → heated

### WORD BOX

heavy strong bitterly highly fully fast widely deep largely tall

9. The roads were flooded after the \_\_\_\_\_ rain last night.
10. I need a cup of \_\_\_\_\_ coffee to wake up properly.
11. It was \_\_\_\_\_ cold, so we stayed indoors all day.
12. This restaurant is \_\_\_\_\_ recommended by local food critics.
13. The new manager is \_\_\_\_\_ aware of the problems in the team.
14. The children were \_\_\_\_\_ asleep by nine o'clock.
15. English is \_\_\_\_\_ spoken in many countries around the world.

16. She took a \_\_\_\_\_ breath before she started her speech.

### Exercise 3: Correct the mistakes

*Each sentence has one wrong verb in a collocation. Rewrite the sentence correctly.*

**Example:** Can you make me a favour? → Can you do me a favour?

17. I need to make my homework before dinner.

\_\_\_\_\_

18. She did a mistake in the last question.

\_\_\_\_\_

19. We took a lot of fun at the party.

\_\_\_\_\_

20. He said a lie about where he had been.

\_\_\_\_\_

21. You should make some exercise every day.

\_\_\_\_\_

22. Can you make a photo of us in front of the lake?

\_\_\_\_\_

23. I'll make my best to finish the report on time.

\_\_\_\_\_

24. Let's make a break for ten minutes.

\_\_\_\_\_

### Exercise 4: Word formation

*Use the word in capitals to form a word that completes the collocation.*

**Example:** We need to find a \_\_\_ to this problem. (SOLVE) → solution

25. We need to make a \_\_\_\_\_ about the trip soon. (DECIDE)

26. Please pay close \_\_\_\_\_ to the safety instructions. (ATTEND)

27. The campaign aims to raise public \_\_\_\_\_ of the risks of smoking. (AWARE)

28. She gave a very \_\_\_\_\_ speech that everyone remembered. (IMPRESS)

29. It is \_\_\_\_\_ important to arrive on time for the interview. (EXTREME)

30. After hours of talks, they finally reached an \_\_\_\_\_. (AGREE)

31. He takes full \_\_\_\_\_ for the mistake. (RESPONSIBLE)

32. We are \_\_\_\_\_ grateful for all your help. (DEEP)

### Exercise 5: Rewrite the sentences

*Rewrite each sentence so that it means the same, using a collocation with the word in capitals.*

**Example:** She decided quickly. (MADE) → She made a quick decision.

33. I tried as hard as I could in the exam. (BEST)

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34. Let's stop working for a few minutes. (BREAK)

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35. He always does what he says he will do. (PROMISES)

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36. Tom never lies. (TRUTH)

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37. She photographed the sunset. (PHOTO)

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38. We enjoyed ourselves a lot at the festival. (FUN)

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39. The manager is responsible for the budget. (CHARGE)

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# Answer key – Collocations – Worksheet 1

## Exercise 1: Match the verbs and nouns

**1. awareness**

We raise awareness when we make people know more about a problem.

**2. a deadline**

To meet a deadline means to finish something by the agreed time.

**3. a promise**

To break a promise means not to do what you said you would do.

**4. attention**

In English we pay attention, not 'give' or 'make' attention.

**5. a business**

To run a business means to manage it.

**6. a conclusion**

We draw a conclusion when we decide something after thinking about the facts.

**7. responsibility**

To take responsibility means to accept that something is your duty or your fault.

**8. the truth**

We tell the truth (and tell a lie), not 'say' the truth.

## Exercise 2: Complete the sentences

**9. heavy**

We say heavy rain, not 'strong rain'.

**10. strong**

Coffee with a lot of flavour is strong coffee.

**11. bitterly**

Bitterly cold means extremely and unpleasantly cold.

**12. highly**

Highly recommended is a fixed collocation meaning very strongly recommended.

**13. fully**

Fully aware means completely aware.

**14. fast**

Fast asleep means sleeping very deeply.

**15. widely**

Widely spoken means spoken by many people in many places.

**16. deep**

We take a deep breath, not a 'big' or 'strong' breath.

## Exercise 3: Correct the mistakes

**17. I need to do my homework before dinner.**

We do homework, not make it.

**18. She made a mistake in the last question.**

We make mistakes.

**19. We had a lot of fun at the party.**

We have fun.

**20. He told a lie about where he had been.**

We tell a lie, not say a lie.

**21. You should do some exercise every day.**

We do exercise (or, in British English, take exercise).

**22. Can you take a photo of us in front of the lake?**

We take photos.

**23. I'll do my best to finish the report on time.**

The fixed phrase is do your best.

**24. Let's take a break for ten minutes.**

The reviewer's answer was already accepted, because the correct collocation is 'take' or 'have' a break, not 'make' a break; full forms of 'Let's' are now also accepted.

## Exercise 4: Word formation

**25. decision**

After 'make a' we need the noun: make a decision.

**26. attention**

The collocation is pay close attention.

**27. awareness**

Raise awareness needs the noun form awareness.

**28. impressive**

An adjective is needed before the noun speech.

**29. extremely**

An adverb is needed before the adjective important.

**30. agreement**

We reach an agreement; 'an' shows a noun is needed.

**31. responsibility**

The collocation is take full responsibility.

**32. deeply**

Deeply grateful uses the adverb form of deep.

### Exercise 5: Rewrite the sentences

**33. I did my best in the exam.**

Do your best means try as hard as you can.

**34. Let's take a break for a few minutes.**

The reviewer's answer was already accepted, because 'take a break' correctly means to stop working for a short time; no change is needed.

**35. He always keeps his promises.**

Keep a promise is the opposite of break a promise.

**36. Tom always tells the truth.**

The collocation is tell the truth.

**37. She took a photo of the sunset.**

We take a photo of something.

**38. We had a lot of fun at the festival.**

Have fun means enjoy yourself.

**39. The manager is in charge of the budget.**

Be in charge of means be responsible for.

**Notes for teachers:** Start with the matching exercise as a warm-up and ask learners to note each collocation as a whole chunk, not as separate words. Typical mistakes include mixing up make and do ("make homework", "do a mistake") and translating directly from the first language ("say a lie"). As a follow-up, ask pairs to write a short story using at least eight collocations from the worksheet and then swap stories to underline them.