



Exercises

Complete each sentence using a collocation from Section A in the video.

- 1 Tania has always had a _____ so I'm not surprised she wants to study Chinese at university.
- 2 At high tide the sea covers the causeway and the only way to get to the island is to _____.
- 3 It's very crowded in this café. You _____ and I'll get our drinks.
- 4 Once my exams are over I'll _____ planning a holiday.
- 5 Far more people these days manage to _____ against cancer.
- 6 Most politicians say they enter politics because they want to _____.
- 7 Try not to _____ having good friends. Ultimately, friendship is far more important than work.
- 8 He's got the job – _____ a successful in his driving test tomorrow.
- 9 Although they lack experience _____, doctors are often very enthusiastic and passionate about their work.

Complete the collocations. The first letters are given to help you. Use a dictionary such as the Cambridge Online Dictionary if necessary.

to j _ _ _ a _ t _ _
to p _ _ _ u _ t _ _
to g _ _ t _ _
to s _ _ _ a _
to b _ i _ w _ _ _ a

chance

to f _ _ _ a _
to p _ _ _ a _
a d _ _ _ _
to r _ _ _ t _ t _ _
a s _ _ _ _ _

challenge

Check these expressions (a) in a good dictionary and (b) using a search engine. Which two are collocations and which two are not?

- 1 learn by head 2 learn by heart 3 lose a chance 4 miss a chance

Answer these questions.

1 Name three milestones in your life that you have already passed.

2 Are you already fully qualified? If so, as what? If not, when will you be?

3 What are some typical sources of income?

4 What is the toughest challenge you have ever faced?

5 What qualities would be needed by someone providing simultaneous translation?

6 What are some examples of things that have sentimental value for you?



Here is one student's plan for work on collocations. Complete the gaps, using a dictionary if necessary. Then tick the ideas you can use yourself.

- (1) _____ an effort to notice collocations in any English text I read.
- (2) _____ hold of a good dictionary to check other collocations for words that I want to learn.
- Write down at least three collocations for each new word I want to (3) _____ to memory.
- Look back over old homework to see where I have (4) _____ mistakes with collocations and (5) _____ my best to (6) _____ those mistakes in future.
- (7) _____ a point of using good collocations when I have to write or speak in English.
- Read and listen to as much English as (8) _____ because that will expose me to natural collocations.
- Every week revise the collocations I have (9) _____ a note of in my vocabulary file.

