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EXERCISES

4.1 Complete each sentence with a collocation from A.

1) Come to my office ten minutes before the meeting so we can have ...

2) With her lovely dark hair Ella looks best when she wears ...

3) In your essay on the influence of TV, don't forget to discuss these ...

4) There is some crime in our town but it isn't ...

4.2 Replace the underlined words with a collocating verb from B.

1) We are going to <u>introduce</u> an exciting new product in June.

2) The economy <u>was extremely high</u> 30 years ago.

3) The new university they are planning will <u>provide</u> a lot of job opportunities.

4) There are always some problems when two companies <u>join together</u> but I think it will be worth it in the long run.

5) The increase in oil prices certainly <u>creates</u> a problem for us.

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6) The company <u>got bigger</u> and has now added children's clothing to its product range.

4.3 Choose the correct feeling from the box to complete each sentence.

anger	horror	tears	nostalgia	pride	pride

1) Most older people feel a slight pang of ..... as they think back on their schooldays.
2) Grace's father was filled with ..... when he saw that she had dyed her beautiful black hair blonde.
3) When Daniel saw how harshly the poor were treated by the wealthy landowners he felt a surge of ..... .
4) Swelling with ....., Jack watched his daughter pick up her violin and play.
5) When she saw her exam results, Kate burst into..... .
6) If people have a sense of ..... in their town, they are more likely to behave well there.

4.4 Look at E and F and choose the correct adverb to complete these sentences.

1) Perhaps it's a good thing that Liam's ..... unaware of what people really think of him.
2) I am ..... aware that there will be problems whatever we decide.
3) Stella smiled ..... as she watched the children playing happily in the garden.
4) My grandparents have been ..... married for 45 years.

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5) Place the glasses ..... in the box – they're very fragile.
6) William whispered ..... in Anna's ear that he would always love her.

4.5 Which of the sections A–F on the opposite page would each of these collocations fit into?

1 make a decision	6 roar with laughter
2 blissfully happy	7 a key factor
3 tread carefully	8 prices rise
4 a surge of emotion	9 a ginger cat
5 acutely embarrassing	10 burst into song

Over to you

Make a page in your vocabulary notebook for each of the types of collocation listed on the opposite page.

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