

Verb-preposition-noun collocations
• learn and teach

- 1 Read the three texts. Complete gaps A–C with the verbs from the box. There are two extra words.

(building learning making teaching working)

Extract from Students' Book recording 2.6

Amy: I ¹make / work **with local teachers** and we ²teach / learn **young children** in the village. The lessons are in a very old school, but we are **A** _____ **a new school!** We work on the building in the afternoons and on Saturdays. It's hard work but I enjoy it. And this place is so beautiful [...]

Terry: Hi. I'm **B** _____ **on a gardening project.** We run a vegetable garden next to the local hospital so we can ³grow / eat **fresh vegetables** for the patients. I like ⁴making / working **with my hands** and it's great to work outside. Some of the patients also ⁵help / sleep **in the garden** [...]

Richard: Hello everyone. I ⁶work / teach **with homeless children**, mainly teenagers. I talk to them in the street and try to help them. We also run a bakery together. The young people ⁷do / make **the bread**; they learn to work in a team and they learn practical skills. They ⁸do / make **some money** and they always have something to eat. The kids are great and they're **C** _____ **me real street Spanish!**

- 2 Choose the correct words 1–8 to complete the recording extract in Exercise 1.
- 3 Match the beginnings 1–5 with the correct endings a–e.

I teach

- 1 The most important thing is to **work**
 - 2 We can't **grow**
 - 3 Mum keeps promising to **make**
 - 4 My parents are **building**
 - 5 I haven't got time to **help**
- a **flowers** because we haven't got a garden.
b **a chocolate cake**.
c **you with your homework** at the moment.
d **a house** by a lake where they can live when they retire.
e **with nice people**.
f **English** in a small school in a village.

REMEMBER BETTER

Don't learn individual words in expressions and collocations. Learn expressions and collocations as a whole.

- 4 Complete the collocations with the words from the box.

(a house children in money on
vegetables with (x2))

COLLOCATIONS WITH PREPOSITIONS

work ¹with young people / your hands
..... ²a project
..... ³the garden / kitchen

help you ⁴your homework

COLLOCATIONS WITHOUT PREPOSITIONS

teach ⁵/ someone English /
a foreign language

learn English / a foreign language

make bread / a cake / pizza / ⁶

grow flowers / plants / ⁷

build ⁸

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- 5 Complete the sentences with the correct words.

TEACH / LEARN

- A You've got a lot of free time now that your exams are over. You can **teach** your brother to swim.
- B You've got a lot of free time now that your exams are over. You can **learn** to swim.

1 TEACH / LEARN

- A We _____ a lot in our Maths lessons.
- B Our teachers always _____ us a lot during our lessons. I'm always tired when we finish.

2 TEACHES / LEARNS

- A I like the way our English teacher _____ us. She makes the lessons fun and stress free.
- B I work very hard at school but my friend always _____ more than me. I don't know why.

3 TEACH / LEARN

- A How can I _____ a new language? Are there any good websites you know?
- B I can't _____ my brother Spanish. He's a terrible student!

4 TEACHING / LEARNING

- A Now that I've got a job, I'm _____ a lot about myself. I get nervous very quickly when things go wrong!
- B My dad is _____ me how to drive. He gets nervous very quickly when I do something wrong!