



Achieve, Carry and Devote



1. Complete each sentence by writing the correct form of achieve, carry out or devote in each gap:

1. Carol _____ some time to discovering what was meaningful to him.
2. My father _____ a lot of personal research to find out what sort of help was available.
3. Amy realised that she could _____ happiness close to home.

2. Write the nouns in the box by each verb they can form collocations with:

time	a threat	a test	success	research	one's life
an order	an objective		an instruction	an improvement	
	energy	an ambition		an aim	

1. Devote ... (to)
2. Carry out
3. Achieve

3. Complete these sentences by writing collocations from the previous exercise in the correct form in each gap. In some cases, more than one answer is possible:

1. In this army, you have to be obedient and _____ immediately.
2. Mum said she'd stop my pocket money if I was home late again, but I don't think she'll _____ her _____.
3. Freddie felt very tired because he had _____ a lot of time and _____ to his final project.
4. The exam is quite easy, so you won't need to _____ very much _____ to doing it.
5. Scientists from all around the world have been _____ to discover the cause of the disease.
6. Last Christmas, my best friend _____ a lifelong _____ to visit Oxford.



Stay, spend and pass, make, cause and have



1. Circle the correct word in italics.

1. I have *spent*/*passed* my life studying artificial intelligence.
2. I'm sorry if I've *made*/*caused* you any problems during the time I stayed here.
3. Why can't you see that your bad behaviour will *have*/*cause* effects on others?
4. The news that my mother had had another baby *made*/*had* me very happy.
5. She really enjoys late night films on TV when she can *stay*/*be* awake.
6. Yesterday, I *spent*/*stayed* three hours listening to the radio.

2. Now complete these sentences using stay, spend, pass, make, cause or have in the correct form:

1. We should be able to go camping because they say the weather is going to _____ like this for the rest of the weekend.
2. We decided to _____ the night in the park.
3. Emily _____ all night doing her homework.
4. His talks are always excellent and _____ a powerful impact on others.
5. The bad sound quality _____ the film very difficult to understand.
6. Chloe played a game on her phone to _____ the times while she was waiting for him.
7. I decided to _____ the afternoon in the beach.

3. Which verb make, cause or have forms a collocation with each of these nouns? In some cases, more than one verb-noun collocation is possible.

trouble	a problem	an impression	an impact
a change	an effect	an accident	

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4. Complete these sentences by writing a collocation from the previous exercise in each of the gaps. In some cases, more than one answer is possible:

1. ...And remember, your choice of subjects at university will _____ a big _____ on your future career.
2. Living in the country _____ a nice _____ after spending nearly my entire life living in a city.
3. I _____ that nurse is not very organized. Otherwise, she'd hand her work on time.
4. I hope I haven't _____ you _____ by coming to stay unexpectedly.
5. Amelia obviously _____ a good _____ on the examiners because they gave her the highest mark possible.
6. A cat ran onto the road and would have _____ if I hadn't reacted quickly.

5. Circle the correct verb:

1. A lot of time has **spent**/**passed** since we saw each other.
2. Some people prefer **staying**/**spending** at home with their family to travelling.
3. Nowadays teenagers **spend**/**pass** more time playing computer games than watching TV.
4. We **spend**/**pass** one afternoon a week at my grandmother's house.
5. Seeing friends is the best way to **pass**/**spend** the time on holidays.
6. Did you **stay**/**spend** at the party till the end?

6. Which verbs in the table collocate with the nouns in the box? Put the nouns in the correct column. Some can go in more than one column:

unhappiness

damage

confusion

a mistake

an effort

patience

offence

peace

progress

changes

a shock

fun

an impact on

trouble

Make	Cause	have

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7. Match the two parts of the sentences:

1. Soccer teams work hard to achieve
 2. Some famous scientists devote
 3. My father (who is a scientist) has been carrying out
 4. Emma finally achieved
 5. My sister's project was very good because she devoted
 6. During the exam the students tried to carry out
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- A. success in the international championship.
 - B. a lot of time in it.
 - C. their lives to finding a cure for diseases.
 - D. their teacher's instructions perfectly.
 - E. her ambition to become a vet.
 - F. new research on what makes people happy.