VERB COLLOCATIONS WORKSHEET

Vocabulary & Collocation Practice • ESL Level: Elementary to Intermediate (A2–B1)

Name: _____ Date: _____ Score: _____

Activity 1: Match the Verb to the Collocations

Draw lines to match each verb on the left with all the words or phrases that naturally go with it.

tell • a book, a joke, a story, a lie, the truth

read • a newspaper, a magazine, a comic, English

watch • TV, a film, a play, a show, information

learn • a lesson, something new, a skill, English

share • a story, ideas, experiences, opinions, information

be • famous, interesting, exciting, popular, English

Activity 2: Complete the Table

Write the correct collocations from the Word Bank under each verb column.

Word Bank:

a comic • exciting • a joke • TV • a lesson • ideas • a newspaper • a film • the truth • a story • experiences • English • popular • a magazine • information • interesting • a play • a lie • a skill • famous • opinions • something new • a show • a book

tell	read	watch	learn	share	be

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Activity 3: Find the Missing Collocation

Complete each verb group with one more natural collocation from your memory or the word bank.

TELL

- a story
- a joke
- the truth

_____

READ

- a book
- a comic
- a newspaper

_____

WATCH

- a film
- TV
- a play

_____

LEARN

- English
- a lesson
- something new

_____

SHARE

- ideas
- information
- opinions

_____

BE

- famous
- interesting
- exciting

_____

Extension (Production)

Write one original sentence using one collocation from each verb.

> **Examples:** My grandfather told a joke after dinner. • I read a magazine on the bus. • We watched a play at the theatre.

1. tell: _____

2. read: _____

3. watch: _____

4. learn: _____

5. share: _____

6. be: _____

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Teacher's Answer Key

Verb Collocations Worksheet Solutions & Reference Guide

Activity 1 & 2 Answer Key: Complete Collocation Matrix

tell a joke, a story, a lie, the truth

read a book, a newspaper, a magazine, a comic

watch TV, a film, a play, a show

learn English, a lesson, something new, a skill

share information, ideas, experiences, opinions

be famous, interesting, exciting, popular (also: English)

Activity 3 Answer Key: Suggested Missing Collocations

tell: a lie **read:** a magazine **watch:** a show **learn:** a skill **share:** experiences **be:** popular / English

Activity 2 Table Breakdown

tell	read	watch	learn	share	be
a joke	a comic	TV	a lesson	ideas	exciting
the truth	a newspaper	a film	English	experiences	popular
a story	a magazine	a play	something new	information	interesting
a lie	a book	a show	a skill	opinions	famous / English

Extension Sample Answers

- **tell:** My grandfather told a joke after dinner.
- **read:** I read a magazine on the bus every morning.
- **watch:** We watched a play at the local theatre on Friday.
- **learn:** She is learning English and a new skill at school.
- **share:** We shared our opinions and ideas in class today.
- **be:** The new movie is very exciting and popular among students.

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