change

1 Verb + change

Use the correct form of these verbs:

accept	*bring about*	*make*
resist	*plan*	*undergo*

1. I've ..... a few minor changes to your speech. I hope you think I've improved it!
2. A lot of people find it hard to ..... change. >Yes, it's surprising how many of us tend to ..... any kind of change to the way we live.
3. The government's latest advertising campaign is an attempt to ..... a change in the way we think about the environment.
4. Medicine has ..... huge changes in the past 50 years due to the discovery of DNA.
5. The government are ..... some fairly major changes to the education system over the next couple of years.

2 Common adjective collocations

Complete the sentences below with the following:

last-minute	*minor*	*noticeable*
proposed	*sweeping*	*welcome*

1. Yes, let's eat out tonight. It'll be a ..... change from cooking!
2. My father's condition still remains critical. There's been no ..... change in his condition for several days now.
3. I don't mind it if you change things if you give us plenty of notice, but I really object to these ..... changes.
4. Have you seen the revised plans? The ..... changes to the building will cost us millions!
5. The problems of the health service won't be solved by making ..... changes. It needs ..... changes throughout the whole system.

3 Expressions with prepositions

Use a suitable preposition in these sentences:

1. Life is so hectic these days. It's so difficult to keep up with the rapid pace ..... change.
2. It's clear that the present system is no longer working and there is a definite need ..... change.
3. Television is one of the main instruments ..... political change in the world today.
4. It's not true that elderly people are always resistant ..... change.
5. Public opinion is shifting in favour ..... change.
6. There could never be a better time to act than now. The organisation is ripe ..... change.

4 Change + preposition + noun

Now complete these sentences with a noun:

address	*attitude*	*the law*
plan	*venue*	*weather*

1. There's been a change of ..... .We're leaving on Monday instead of Tuesday.
2. If buses are to replace cars, there'll need to be a complete change in our .....to public transport.
3. I've notified the post office of our change of .....– so we should get our mail all right.
4. The hall has been double-booked, so please note the change of .....for the party.
5. A lot of us were caught out by the sudden change in the ..... . I wish I'd taken an umbrella!
6. The proposed change in .....would make abortion illegal again.



"No, I wouldn't say there's been any noticeable change in his condition."

Notes

1. Note the common expression: *Let's go out tonight – for a change.*
2. Note that we use *great, major, sweeping* and *drastic* to talk about big changes.
3. If you have a 'change of heart', it means you change your attitude to something. *I've had a change of heart. I'm not resigning!*
4. If you go away for the night, you need a 'change of clothes'.

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