method

1 Verb + method

Use the correct form of these verbs:

adopt	*devise*	*fail*
recommend	*use*	*work*

1. In no way am I going to ..... any of these new teaching methods. I'll stick to the tried and tested methods that I've always used.
2. That method doesn't look like it is going to ..... .We'll need to come up with an alternative method of doing it. Any suggestions?
3. The methods of communication ..... in the eighteenth century were primitive by today's standards.
4. Believe me, this method of growing tomatoes never ..... . I get a bumper crop every year.
5. In the 1930's scientists ..... an efficient method of producing rubber from oil.
6. We ..... the filter method as the best way to make coffee.

2 Common adjective collocations

Complete the sentences with these adjectives:

infallible	*reliable*
popular	*traditional*

1. In the UK more and more people are unhappy with modern food production and are calling for a return to ..... methods of farming.
2. The author of this book claims to have discovered an ..... method for making money. He says that it never fails.
3. Frying used to be the most ..... method of cooking before people became more health conscious.
4. The pill is generally regarded as the most ..... method of contraception.

   practical *unorthodox* *effective*
5. Despite his ..... methods, his students achieved excellent exam results.
6. The French are generally credited with developing the first ..... method of producing photographs.
7. Vaccination is the most ..... method for preventing some of the worst childhood illnesses – like measles.

3 Method + of

Complete the sentences below with the following:

birth control	*crowd control*
pain control	*payment*
earthquakes	*teaching*
reaching agreement	*transport*

1. Travelling by plane is still one of the safest methods of ..... .
2. The methods of ..... include lectures, seminars, and tutorials.
3. Scientists are still struggling to devise a reliable method of predicting ..... .
4. The most commonly used method of ..... involves the use of tear gas and mounted police.
5. There are several possible methods of ..... – credit card being the most popular.
6. Thank goodness for modern methods of ..... I hate to think what it must have been like to be seriously ill a couple of hundred years ago.
7. Condoms are an effective method of ..... if used with care.
8. Non-confrontational methods of ..... are always the best.



"It's still one of the safest methods of travelling."

Notes

1. Note the following expressions:
   I have no quarrel with his methods. (They are OK.)
   I think his methods stink. (I think they are awful.)
2. We use the expression 'there's method in his madness' when we mean that although someone is doing something in a strange way, there is a good reason behind it.
   I wonder why Malcolm is coming in an hour early every morning? It's not like him.
   > Ah, you obviously don't know he's applied for promotion. There's method in his madness!

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