

ADVERB-VERB COLLOCATIONS

Such collocations are probably rare compared to other collocation types, for example, those involving adjectives and nouns. It is their frequency of use that could make them interesting for studying. Let's take a look at the most widespread adverb-verb collocations in English and learn how to use them accurately: Before you see their complete forms, why not speculate on which adverb goes with which verb. **So, match the adverbs below with verbs on the right in the first exercise.** Mind that some words can be repeated several times for some expressions:

- **BADLY (X3)**
- **CLOSELY**
- **COMPLETELY (X2)**
- **DEEPLY**
- **DISTINCTLY**
- **FIRMLY (X2)**
- **FLATLY**
- **FREELY**
- **FULLY (X3)**
- **GREATLY**
- **HOTLY**
- **STEADILY**
- **SERIOUSLY (X2)**
- **SINCERELY**
- **STRONGLY (X2)**
- **TOTALLY**
- **THOROUGHLY (X2)**



1. _____ criticize
2. _____ admire
3. _____ refuse
4. _____ believe
5. _____ deny
6. _____ forget
7. _____ damage
8. _____ reject
9. _____ remember
10. _____ hurt/injure
11. _____ need
12. _____ understand
13. _____ think/consider
14. _____ enjoy
15. _____ hope
16. _____ agree
17. _____ appreciate
18. _____ regret
19. _____ examine
20. _____ destroy
21. _____ admit
22. _____ recover
23. rise _____
24. _____ doubt
25. _____ advise
26. _____ inspect

Now, check your answers first. Then, use some of the collocations in the correct forms in the following sentences. Choose the most appropriate collocation for each of the sentences:

badly damage, badly hurt/injure, badly need, closely examine, completely forget, completely destroy, deeply regret, distinctly remember, firmly believe, firmly reject, flatly refuse, freely admit, fully appreciate, fully recover, fully understand, greatly admire, hotly deny, rise steadily, seriously doubt, seriously think/consider, sincerely hope, strongly advise, strongly criticize, totally agree, thoroughly enjoy, thoroughly inspect

27. I _____ that you will be promoted at work.

28. The doctor _____ him to keep his diet at that point.

29. Of course, I _____ the self-sacrifice of our doctor in the epidemic time.

30. We saw that the storm _____ the local area.

31. I _____ that today is my friend's graduation party!

32. I didn't understand what I was doing then, but later on I _____ taking that fatal decision.

33. He says he _____ seeing Michael Jackson in Los Angeles in 1997.

34. Mrs. Jenkins _____ her fault and apologized to us.

35. When asked to stop, the bus driver _____ to do that and said he was prohibited from stopping the bus by the side of the road at an inappropriate place.

36. It will take some time for his daughter to _____ after the accident.

37. On entering the room, the surgeon _____ the patient before the operation.

38. 'Honestly, I _____ that you'll pass the exam', the teacher said and showed me the date of the finals.

39. The little girl _____ taking the apple without permission.

40. The customs officer said he _____ my luggage very soon.

41. I still _____ in the time when our economy starts boosting.

42. The pupil _____ not _____ the consequences of what he had done.

43. This month our family _____ moving to our country cottage due to the smog in our city.

44. The manager told me he _____ my assistance in the matter.

45. By the time the firefighter arrived at the village, fire _____ the wooden house.

46. Our authorities usually _____ any help from charity organizations, which quite puzzles me.

47. Yesterday, I _____ our excursion to the museum.