



VOCABULARY: COLLOCATION(WORD PAIRS)

Word pairs

Some pairs of words in English that go together always come in a certain order, for example we always say "Ladies and Gentlemen" at the beginning of a speech, but never the other way around, and we always say "black and white" not "white and black." This order may sometimes be different in your language.

a How do you say "Ladies and Gentlemen" and "black and white" in your language? Are the words in the same order?

c Look at some common word pairs joined with *or*. What is the second word?

wrong / later / twice / nothing / less / never /

alive

Right or _____

sooner or _____

dead or _____

Now or _____

all or _____

More or _____

once or _____

e Match the word pair idioms with their meanings.

1. I'm **sick and tired** of hearing you complain. _____
2. I didn't buy much, just a few **odds and ends**. _____
3. I've been having headaches **now and then**. _____
4. A. what are you making for lunch? B. **Wait and see**. _____
5. Every relationship needs some **give and take**. _____
6. We've had our **ups and downs**, but now we get along really well. _____

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b Check (✓) A, B, or C to complete the sentences.

Example: There were some odds and ends in the garage that I didn't want to throw out.

A ends B bits C pieces

1 Sooner or _____ you'll realize you've made the wrong decision.
A never B later C less

2 I'm looking for a good _____ for a couple of nights.
A breakfast and bed B room and breakfast C bed and breakfast

3 I'm really sick and _____ of never having enough money.
A fed up B bored C tired

4 We have plenty of ups and _____ in our relationship, but we're still together.
A lows B downs C highs

5 The park near my house is a lovely place to get some _____.
A peace and quiet B quiet or peace C quiet and peace

6 I like my job on the whole, but _____ I wonder if I should look for a new one.
A now or again B now and again C again and now

7 I have to ask her out today – it's now or _____.
A later B never C nothing

8 I found some interesting _____ in the attic that belonged to my grandparents.
A pieces and bits B pieces or bits C bits and pieces

9 The children were missing for six hours but turned up safe and _____.
A sound B well C alive

10 You can't have everything your way. Life is all about give and _____.
A allow B let C take



That's awesome