

DAY 67. VOCABULARY

Vocabulary

Wordlist on page 208 of the Coursebook.

Verb and noun collocations

Complete the sentences with one of the words from the box.

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- 1 Their solar panel business ran _____ problems after a succession of wet summers in the mid-2000s.
- 2 Last year's police campaign to reduce the number of accidents on motorways met _____ limited success.
- 3 Union leaders have not ruled _____ the possibility of taking strike action.
- 4 Her attempt to cycle across the Sahara ended _____ failure yesterday, when she fell off her bike and broke her leg.
- 5 Taking on the Cup holders was no easy task, but they rose _____ the challenge and drew 1-1.

Adjective and noun collocations

One of the items of vocabulary in each group is not normally used with the word in capitals. Cross out the item which does not fit. There is an example at the beginning (0).

0 distinct	heavy	remote	strong	POSSIBILITY
1 fair	inside	realistic	slim	CHANCE
2 potential	recurrent	resounding	trivial	PROBLEM
3 burning	daunting	exciting	fresh	CHALLENGE
4 hard	high	personal	poor	MOTIVATION
5 huge	overnight	roaring	terrible	SUCCESS
6 continued	dismal	inevitable	urgent	FAILURE
7 heated	lifelong	greatest	secret	AMBITION
8 major	outlying	remarkable	sporting	ACHIEVEMENT

- 2 Complete the sentences with an appropriate adjective from exercise 1. There is an example at the beginning (0).
- 0 I can't understand why he applied for the job; there wasn't even a remote possibility that he'd get it.
- 1 Recent corruption scandals mean that the party now stands **only** a _____ **chance** of victory in the forthcoming elections.
- 2 During his adolescence, serious illness was a _____ **problem**, and always seemed to strike at exam time.
- 3 The situation does pose a **rather** _____ **challenge**, but we will not be put off.
- 4 His consistently low marks seem to be both the result and the cause of _____ **motivation**.
- 5 The book brought her great wealth and worldwide fame, but this was **no** _____ **success**; her previous two novels had been bestsellers in her own country.
- 6 It was a night of _____ **failure** for British athletes, whose recent successes had given cause for great optimism.
- 7 As I've always said, it's been a _____ **ambition** of mine to play Hamlet, and now at last I can fulfil it.
- 8 Undoubtedly, the greatest _____ **achievement** of the year was Alek Schmidt's record-breaking marathon run of two hours and three minutes.

C Word formation

Complete the sentences with an appropriate noun form of the word in capitals at the end of the sentence. There is an example at the beginning (0).

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| 0 Many people at the club are questioning the <u>wisdom</u> of signing the 16-year-old goalkeeper. | WISE |
| 1 Excessive _____ to direct sunlight should of course be avoided. | EXPOSE |
| 2 Councillors have once again rejected the _____ for a new multi-storey car park. | PROPOSE |
| 3 Management criticized the unions for their stubborn attitude and _____ in the wage negotiations. | FLEXIBLE |
| 4 The government is concerned at the number of unfilled _____ in the nursing profession. | VACANT |
| 5 There is a strong feeling within the company that greater _____ should be placed on staff development. | EMPHASIZE |
| 6 Failure to meet legal safety _____ has led to the temporary closure of the fairground. | REQUIRE |
| 7 She chose to live in Brighton because of its mild climate and _____ to London. | CLOSE |
| 8 There is a chronic _____ of housing in our cities. | SHORT |
| 9 The complete _____ of this answer shows that the candidate did not read the question carefully. | RELEVANT |
| 10 He achieved _____ for failing a drugs test after winning an Olympic® final. | NOTORIOUS |