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Collocations
Lesson 4

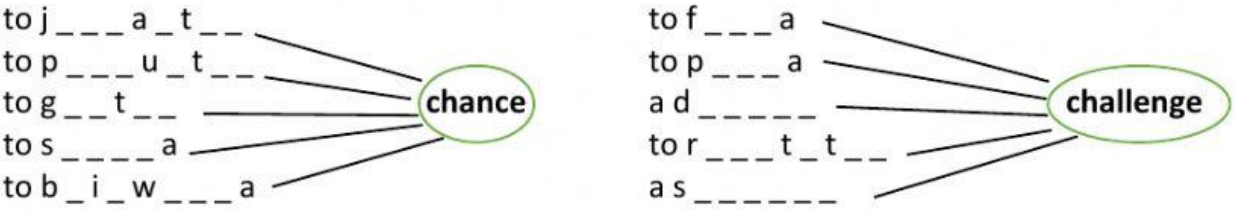


Exercises

Complete each sentence using a collocation from Section A in the video.

1 Tania has always had a _____ so I'm not surprised she wants to study Chinese at university.
2 At high tide the sea covers the causeway and the only way to get to the island is to _____.
3 It's very crowded in this café. You _____ and I'll get our drinks.
4 Once my exams are over I'll _____ planning a holiday.
5 Far more people these days manage to _____ against cancer.
6 Most politicians say they enter politics because they want to _____.
7 Try not to _____ having good friends. Ultimately, friendship is far more important than work.
8 He's got the job – _____ a successful in his driving test tomorrow.
9 Although they lack experience _____ , doctors are often very enthusiastic and passionate about their work.

Complete the collocations. The first letters are given to help you. Use a dictionary such as the Cambridge Online Dictionary if necessary.



Check these expressions (a) in a good dictionary and (b) using a search engine. Which two are collocations and which two are not?

1 learn by head 2 learn by heart 3 lose a chance 4 miss a chance

Answer these questions.

1 Name three milestones in your life that you have already passed.
_____
2 Are you already fully qualified? If so, as what? If not, when will you be?
_____
3 What are some typical sources of income?
_____
4 What is the toughest challenge you have ever faced?
_____
5 What qualities would be needed by someone providing simultaneous translation?
_____
6 What are some examples of things that have sentimental value for you?
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Here is one student's plan for work on collocations. Complete the gaps, using a dictionary if necessary. Then tick the ideas you can use yourself.

- (1) _____ an effort to notice collocations in any English text I read. ○
- (2) _____ hold of a good dictionary to check other collocations for words that I want to learn. ○
- Write down at least three collocations for each new word I want to (3) _____ to memory. ○
- Look back over old homework to see where I have (4) _____ mistakes with collocations and (5) _____ my best to (6) _____ those mistakes in future. ○
- (7) _____ a point of using good collocations when I have to write or speak in English. ○
- Read and listen to as much English as (8) _____ because that will expose me to natural collocations. ○
- Every week revise the collocations I have (9) _____ a note of in my vocabulary file. ○

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