



## 2 Finding, recording and learning collocations

### EXERCISES.

#### 2.1 Identify 11 collocations in this text and write them in the boxes.

My friend Abigail is desperately worried about her son at the moment. He wants to enrol on a course of some sort but just can't make a decision about what to study. I gave Abigail a ring and we had a long chat about it last night. She said he'd like to study for a degree but is afraid he won't meet the requirements for university entry. Abigail thinks he should do a course in Management because he'd like to set up his own business in the future. I agreed that that would be a wise choice.

#### 2.2 Match the beginning of each sentence on the left with its ending on the right.

1 She's having	her duty.
2 She's taking	a lecture.
3 She's giving	a party.
4 She's making	an exam.
5 She's doing	good progress.



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2.3 Correct the eight collocation errors in this text. Use a dictionary to help you if necessary. Write them in the boxes.

In the morning I made some work in the garden, then I spent a rest for about an hour before going out to have some shopping in town. It was my sister's birthday and I wanted to do a special effort to cook a nice meal for her. I gave a look at a new Thai cookery book in the bookshop and decided to buy it. It has some totally easy recipes and I managed to do a good impression with my very first Thai meal. I think my sister utterly enjoyed her birthday.

2.4 Look at this entry for the verb **lead** in the Cambridge Advanced Learner's Dictionary. What collocations could you learn from this entry? Write them in the boxes. Then write one new sentence for each of them.

**lead** CONTROL **E** /li:d/ verb **[I or T]** **(led, led)** to control a group of people, a country, or a situation: I think we've chosen the right person to lead the expedition. **o** I've asked Gemma to lead the discussion. **o** Who will be leading the inquiry into the accident?  
● **lead sb by the nose** INFORMAL to control someone and make them do exactly what you want them to do



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See also Unit 3, Using your dictionary.

Over to **you**

Use a dictionary to find three or four other good collocations for each of these words:

desperately      pain      wise      run

Write the collocations you find in an appropriate way in your vocabulary notebook.