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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 eff ort 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.**

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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.

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