

COLLOCATIONS

Exercise 1:

- After congratulating his team, the coach left, allowing the players to let their _____ down for a while.
A. hearts B. hair C. souls D. heads
- Alice said: "That guy is _____ gorgeous. I wish he would ask me out."
A. dead-centre B. drop shot C. jumped-up D. drop-dead
- The party leader travelled the length and _____ of the country in an attempt to spread his message.
A. width B. distance C. diameter D. breadth
- Vietnam U23 made not only Asia but also Europe keep a close eye on them. They _____ internationally.
A. have made headlines B. had made headlines C. have done headlines D. did headlines
- If we didn't _____ any measures to protect whales, they would disappear forever.
A. use B. make C. take D. do
- People who take on a second job inevitably _____ themselves to greater stress.
A. offer B. subject C. field D., place
- It is the _____ of stupidity to go walking in the mountains in this weather.
A. height B. depth C. source D. matter
- The works of such men as the English philosophers John Locke and Thomas Hobbes helped pave the way for academic freedom in the modern sense.
A. terminate B. prevented C. enhanced D. incorporated
- Both universities speak _____ of the programme of student exchange and hope to cooperate more in the future.
A. highly B. largely C. strongly D. widely
- My neighbors are really tight with money. They hate throwing away food, don't eat at restaurant, and always try to find the best price.
A. to spend money too easily B. to not like spending money
C. to not know the value of money D. to save as much money as possible
- We were all in a _____ mood because the weather was good and we were going on holiday the next day.
A. bad B. well C. excellent D. good
- On the whole, the rescue mission was well executed.
A. In fact B. In particular C. At once D. In general
- With this type of insurance, you're buying _____ of mind.
A. peace B. satisfaction C. calmness D. contentment

14. Could you _____ me a lift into town?
A. give B. get C. do D. make
15. The players' protests _____ no difference to the referee's decision at all.
A. did B. made C. caused D. created
16. In a formal interview, it is essential to maintain good eye _____ with the interviewers.
A. link B. connection C. touch D. contact
17. It was no accident that he broke my glasses. He did it _____ purpose.
A. with B. on C. by D. about
18. I read the contract again and again _____ avoiding making spelling mistakes.
A. in terms of B. by means of C. with a view to D. in view of
19. Please don't _____ a word of this to anyone else, it's highly confidential.
A. speak B. pass C. mutter D. breathe
20. My advice is that you get straight to the point in the next report.
A. If I were you, I would go straight to the bush in the next report.
B. If I were you, I would have the next report got started.
C. If I were you, I would not beat around the bush in the next report.
D. If I were you, I would not point out the next report.