
LOOK OUT!

Words with the same meaning do not always collocate in the same way. For example, we can say *This is your big chance!* but not *This is your large chance!*, even though *big* and *large* are synonyms. A good dictionary will include information about collocations.

6 Read the *Look out!* box. Then complete the sentences with the adverb (a–c) that collocates best.

- 1 The practice of taking drugs to enhance athletic performance is _____ agreed to have begun in ancient Greece.
a largely b generally c chiefly
- 2 In the 1930s, the first amphetamines were produced, but were not _____ available for a few decades.
a widely b broadly c extensively
- 3 At the 1952 Olympics, speed skaters who had taken amphetamines became _____ ill.
a grimly b gravely c solemnly
- 4 In 1968, the International Olympic Committee issued its first list of substances that athletes were _____ prohibited from taking.
a firmly b rigorously c strictly
- 5 In 1991, twenty ex-East German swimming coaches _____ admitted giving anabolic steroids to their former charges during the 1970s.
a openly b overtly c plainly
- 6 In 1994, _____ renowned footballer Diego Maradona was banned from the World Cup for taking drugs.
a globally b universally c internationally
- 7 In 2003, a British sprinter called Dwain Chambers tested positive for THG, a _____ invented steroid.
a freshly b lately c newly
- 8 Today, while the vast majority of people are _____ opposed to the use of drugs in sport, detection remains a real problem for the governing bodies.
a staunchly b securely c steadily