

Collocations/expressions

A Complete the collocations below with the adjectives in the box. You may use some of the adjectives more than once. In some cases more than one adjective may be correct.

long secret heavy sore wide weak short common light fatal close strong

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| a _____ friend | a _____ meal | a _____ sight | _____ traffic |
| a _____ accident | a _____ mistake | a _____ relative | _____ eyesight |
| a _____ throat | a _____ colour | a _____ influence | |
| a _____ rule | a _____ time | _____ rain | |
| a _____ journey | a _____ personality | _____ sense | |
| a _____ agent | a _____ schedule | _____ coffee | |
| a _____ argument | a _____ relationship | _____ knowledge | |

B Read the sentences and complete them with the correct form of the verbs say or tell.

- 1 "_____ **hello** to John when you see him, will you?" said Camille as she waved goodbye.
- 2 The last thing she does before she lies down to sleep is _____ **a prayer**.
- 3 We could never _____ **the difference** between our cousins because they were identical twins.
- 4 My father still tells me to _____ **thank you**, and I'm forty years old!
- 5 It's so hard nowadays for people to _____ **the truth**. Everyone is frightened of trusting each other.
- 6 Mr Grimes will begin by _____ **a few words** and then proceed to showing the slides.
- 7 "If I _____ you **a story**, will you go to sleep, then?" the mother asked her child.
- 8 My friends trusted me because I would never _____ anyone **their secrets**.
- 9 You should have _____ **something**. Now the police will suspect you.
- 10 Can Tim _____ **the time** or is he still too young for that?
- 11 The hardest thing he's ever had to do was _____ **sorry**.
- 12 If she _____ **so**, then it must be the truth and we have to believe her.

C Complete the sentences with the expressions in the box below.

all of a sudden all in all all over after all not at all once and for all all the same

- 1 The child spilt the milk _____ the expensive rug.
- 2 I don't care where we go on holiday. Majorca, Ibiza, they're _____ to me.
- 3 The old train was making good progress, when _____ a loud clank was heard and it grinded to a halt.
- 4 Janet expected to get a high mark on her project. _____, she had worked very hard.
- 5 This argument has been going on for far too long. Let me settle it _____.
- 6 Most members of the school committee believed that _____ the fete was a great success.
- 7 "Is my request too demanding?" asked the customer. " _____," replied the salesperson.