

# EXERCISES COLLOCATIONS LESSON 10

## 10.1 Choose the correct collocation.

- 1 The dentist told me to shut / close my mouth.
- 2 I didn't know what to do when I got into my car and couldn't start / begin the engine.
- 3 I want to buy a sweater for my dad. He needs one in a big / large size.
- 4 I haven't finished / ended my essay yet. I can't decide how to finish / end it.
- 5 At what time do you plan to shut / close the conference?
- 6 All societies develop their own stories about how the world started / began.
- 7 It's far too big / large a problem for you to solve on your own.
- 8 It's never easy to finish / end a relationship.

## 10.2 Look at B. Complete each phrase with a word meaning either 'old' or 'alone'.

- 1 a ..... figure on the horizon 6 to live .....  
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- 2 a shop selling ..... furniture 7 to feel desperately  
.....
- 3 to be an ..... child 8 to catch up with  
..... friends
- 4 the ..... survivor of the accident 9 support for  
..... parents
- 5 to study ..... history 10 a home for .....  
people

## 10.3 Correct these sentences.

- 1 Were many people damaged in the earthquake?
- 2 Single parents who are growing children without a partner's support are entitled to financial help  
from the government.
- 3 My mobile isn't working. I need to load the battery.
- 4 She has a lot of beautiful elderly jewellery.
- 5 When we moved house, two men helped us to charge the van.
- 6 That's not news – it's antique history!
- 7 I don't know how to charge a gun, let alone fire one.
- 8 I've never been very successful at raising plants.

10.4 Which of the collocations on the opposite page do these pictures illustrate?

