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 .....

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.

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

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