LISTENING LANGUAGE PRACTICE

3.3

Verb–preposition–noun collocations
• *learn* and *teach*

1 Read the three texts. Complete gaps A–C with the verbs from the box. There are two extra words.

building learning making teaching working

Extract from Students' Book recording 2.6

Amy: I [1]*make / work* **with local teachers** and we [2]*teach / learn* **young children** in the village. The lessons are in a very old school, but we are **A**_____ **a new school**! We work on the building in the afternoons and on Saturdays. It's hard work but I enjoy it. And this place is so beautiful! [...]

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Terry: Hi. I'm **B**_____ **on a gardening project**. We run a vegetable garden next to the local hospital so we can [3]*grow / eat* **fresh vegetables** for the patients. I like [4]*making / working* **with my hands** and it's great to work outside. Some of the patients also [5]*help / sleep* **in the garden** [...]

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Richard: Hello everyone. I [6]*work / teach* **with homeless children**, mainly teenagers. I talk to them in the street and try to help them. We also run a bakery together. The young people [7]*do / make* **the bread**; they learn to work in a team and they learn practical skills. They [8]*do / make* **some money** and they always have something to eat. The kids are great and they're **C**_____ me real street **Spanish**!

2 Choose the correct words 1–8 to complete the recording extract in Exercise 1.

3 Match the beginnings 1–5 with the correct endings a–e.

I teach f

1 The most important thing is to **work** ☐
2 We can't **grow** ☐
3 Mum keeps promising to **make** ☐
4 My parents are **building** ☐
5 I haven't got time to **help** ☐

a **flowers** because we haven't got a garden.
b **a chocolate cake**.
c **you with your homework** at the moment.
d **a house** by a lake where they can live when they retire.
e **with nice people**.
f **English** in a small school in a village.

REMEMBER BETTER

Don't learn individual words in expressions and collocations. Learn expressions and collocations as a whole.

4 Complete the collocations with the words from the box.

a house children in money on vegetables with (x2)

COLLOCATIONS WITH PREPOSITIONS

work	.....	with young people / your hands
		[1]_____ a project
		[2]_____ the garden / kitchen
help	.....	you [3]_____ your homework

COLLOCATIONS WITHOUT PREPOSITIONS

teach	.....	[4]_____ / someone English / a foreign language
learn	.....	English / a foreign language
make	.....	bread / a cake / pizza / [5]_____
grow	.....	flowers / plants / [6]_____
build	.....	[7]_____

WORD STORE 3D | *learn and teach*

5 Complete the sentences with the correct words.

TEACH / LEARN
A You've got a lot of free time now that your exams are over. You can *teach* your brother to swim.
B You've got a lot of free time now that your exams are over. You can *learn* to swim.

1 TEACH / LEARN
A We _____ a lot in our Maths lessons.
B Our teachers always _____ us a lot during our lessons. I'm always tired when we finish.

2 TEACHES / LEARNS
A I like the way our English teacher _____ us. She makes the lessons fun and stress free.
B I work very hard at school but my friend always _____ more than me. I don't know why.

3 TEACH / LEARN
A How can I _____ a new language? Are there any good websites you know?
B I can't _____ my brother Spanish. He's a terrible student!

4 TEACHING / LEARNING
A Now that I've got a job, I'm _____ a lot about myself. I get nervous very quickly when things go wrong!
B My dad is _____ me how to drive. He gets nervous very quickly when I do something wrong!

LIVEWORKSHEETS