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LISTENING LANGUAGE PRACTICE

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 ¹make / work **with local teachers** and we ²teach / 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! [...]

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

Richard: Hello everyone. I ⁶work / 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 ⁷do / make **the bread**; they learn to work in a team and they learn practical skills. They ⁸do / 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

- 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

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- 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 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 _____

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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!