

20 SEEING IS BELIEVING

VOCABULARY

Collocations: thinking

1 Put the letters in the correct order to make thinking collocations.

- 1 keam pu uroy dimn _____
- 2 seu yoru migantoinia _____
- 3 rcsos yuro dimn _____
- 4 evah a ohtuhtg _____
- 5 veha osecdn tugohtsh _____
- 6 vieg sonemoe a thin _____
- 7 eosl yuro ticoenanocrtn _____

2 Complete the sentences with the correct collocations from Exercise 1.

- 1 If you suddenly start thinking about something, you _____.
- 2 To help them to guess something, you can _____.
- 3 When people are talking in an exam, you can _____.
- 4 When you are an artist, you have to _____.
- 5 When you have an important decision to make, it's hard to _____.
- 6 Sometimes you can _____ about something and decide not to do it.
- 7 If you think about something for a short time, it _____.

3 Choose the correct collocation.

- 1 Shall I go out tonight? I can't *make up my mind* / *cross my mind*.
- 2 My sister was playing her music too loud when I was doing my homework. I *had second thoughts* / *lost my concentration*.
- 3 I wanted Jemma to guess what her present was – so I *had a thought* / *gave her a hint*.
- 4 What was the first thing that *gave you a hint* / *crossed your mind* when you won the prize?
- 5 I was going to play football on Saturday, but I *lost my concentration* / *had second thoughts* and went to the cinema instead.
- 6 I had to write a story for homework, so I *used my imagination* / *made up my mind* to create the characters.
- 7 Have you found anyone to play guitar in the band yet? If not, I've just *had a thought* / *given you a hint*.

4 Choose the correct form of the collocations from Exercise 1 to complete the text.

Before the maths exam yesterday, it ¹ _____ that I might not pass it. There was one really difficult question in the exam where I couldn't ² _____ what the answer was. And to make it worse, there were some students behind me, talking all the time, so I ³ _____. All I really wanted was for someone to ⁴ _____ so I could answer the question, but obviously that doesn't happen in an exam. So instead, I just started dreaming and tried to ⁵ _____. After the exam finished, I ⁶ _____ that I might not continue with the subject next year. But then I ⁷ _____ and decided that it was best to continue.

