

Collocations/expressions

A The following expressions include the words **day**, **year** and **time**. Complete them with prepositions.

DAY	YEAR	TIME
_____ this day and age	all year _____	_____ a period of time
day _____ day	year _____ year	_____ time to time
	_____ this time	_____ the first time
	of the year	_____ the right time
		_____ sb's free time
		_____ no time
		have no time _____
		take time _____ work

B Complete the sentences with the collocations / expressions in the box below.

the other day all day long call it a day at times on time
 in time pass the time ahead of its time time and time again for the time being

- Despite technical problems, the flight left _____.
- We'll be getting a new printer next month. So, _____, we have to put up with this one.
- Most engineers agreed that the car's design was _____.
- I started a conversation with the person sitting next to me on the bus to _____.
- I saw Sally _____. Did you know that she had broken her leg?
- The match started at 7 pm and Jack arrived just _____ for the kick-off.
- Let's _____ and go home. We've been working for over twelve hours without a break.
- He keeps making the same mistake _____.
- I find it very difficult to agree with you _____. Your views can sometimes be extreme.
- I have been sleepy _____ today. I don't know what's the matter with me.

C Read the sentences and complete them with the correct form of the verbs **hold**, **run**, **catch** or **keep**.

- The student was _____ **in the act** of cheating by the examiner.
- I just need you to _____ **an eye on** Sam while I go out.
- Jenny will certainly _____ everyone's **attention** with that dress she's wearing.
- Blue eyes and red hair _____ **in my family**. Only my aunt has brown eyes.
- When my grandmother was in hospital, I used to _____ **her company** in the afternoons.
- Mary is moving to another city, but we promised to _____ **in touch with** each other.
- _____ **a business** requires many skills and expertise.
- You can't rely on Roger. Actually, he's the kind of person that can't _____ **a promise**.
- The winner of the marathon had to _____ **his breath** before speaking to the journalist.
- Please _____ **in mind** that smoking is not allowed in this building.
- We all _____ **our breath** when the winner of the competition was being announced.
- As I was running to _____ **the bus**, I slipped and fell.
- Can you _____ **a secret**? Jane is organising a surprise party for Kevin's birthday!
- The children _____ **hands** while walking down the street.