account

1 Verb + account

Use the correct form of these verbs:

accept	*differ*	*corroborate*
provide	*keep*	*listen to*

1. The priest ..... the old woman's account of the death of her child with compassion.
2. I'm going to ..... a detailed account of my travels in India. I'm going to write a book when I get back.
3. The diaries ..... a full account of the writer's experiences in prison.
4. Do you think we should ..... his account of events? Can we really trust him?
5. The police only believed me after an eye-witness ..... my account of the accident.
6. There were a number of accounts of the assassination of President Kennedy which ..... considerably from the official version of events.

Go back and underline all the verb + *account* collocations.

2 Common adjective collocations

Use the following adjective collocations in these sentences:

blow-by-blow account	*clear account*
conflicting accounts	*fascinating account*
full account	*graphic account*

1. I didn't know who to believe. The two witnesses gave ..... of the incident.
2. We only wanted a brief account of the incident, but he insisted on giving us a ..... of everything that had happened.
3. Our new director gave a very ..... of his plans for the future of the company. They were well-expressed and easy to understand.
4. Her new biography gives a ..... of her travels in the jungles of Africa.
   >Yes. It's very interesting. There's a scary account of how she was almost killed by a tiger.
5. The refugee gave such a ..... of his torture that I thought I was going to be sick. How can human beings do such terrible things?
6. The Prime Minister is expected to give a .... of his meeting with the President to Parliament this morning.

3 Adjective + account

Use the following adjectives in these sentences:

eye-witness	*faithful*	*hair-raising*
humorous	*sketchy*	*moving*

1. I think last night's programme was just what we needed. It was a ..... account of the events leading up to the plane crash.
2. According to an ..... account, the robbers escaped in a blue car.
3. She gave a ..... account of her escape from a pack of wild dogs in the Australian outback.
4. The speaker gave us a ..... account of life at university. He had us all in fits of laughter.
5. We only have a ..... account of the accident at the moment. We can't say if anybody has died.
6. The book provides a ..... account of the suffering of ordinary people in war-torn Eritrea.



"An eye-witness account!"

Notes

1. In 2-2 a 'blow-by-blow account' gives all the details, missing nothing out. Notice these similar examples.
   He gave a comprehensive account of his movements on the day of the murder. It was a very detailed account.
2. If you experience something yourself, you can give a *first-hand account* or *an eye-witness account.*
3. When *account* means *report*, you can use *glowing:*
   We were really proud. All our sons' teachers gave glowing accounts of their progress.
4. The expression *by all accounts* means *according to what people say.* For example:
   The mountain villages are really worth visiting, by all accounts.

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