fight

1 Verb + fight

Use the correct form of these verbs:

be engaged in *carry on* *give up*
lose *put up* *step up*

1. Workers at Ford's lorry plant are determined to ..... a fight to save their jobs.
2. More money has been promised to help scientists to ..... the fight to find a cure for AIDS.
3. In response to public pressure, the government has promised to ..... the fight against drugs.
4. My company ..... a bitter fight with the local council, who are refusing us planning permission for a new factory.
5. Although jailed for twenty years by the military government, he refuses to ..... his fight for freedom of speech.
6. If you ask me, the police seem to be ..... the fight against crime.

2 Common adjective collocations

Use these adjectives to complete the sentences:

brave *easy* *fair* *good* *tough*

1. I'm not surprised we lost. Fairford United were a much better side, but we managed to put up a ..... fight.
2. It won't be an ..... fight. The government will have to work hard to convince people that this change to the law is in their interests.
3. The new director has got a ..... fight on his hands. I'm not sure it was a good idea to take on the union. I can't see them accepting the new working conditions that he wants.
4. Sue died after a ..... fight against breast cancer.
5. I don't know what he's complaining about. It was a ..... fight. The referee couldn't have been fairer.

3 Expressions with prepositions

Use these prepositions in the sentences:

for *over* *against* *with* *to*

1. It'll be a fight ..... the bitter end.
2. Hurry up! We're in a fight ..... time.
3. They had a fight ..... who should drive.
4. He was in a fight ..... an older boy.
5. The fight ..... the gold medal will be interesting!

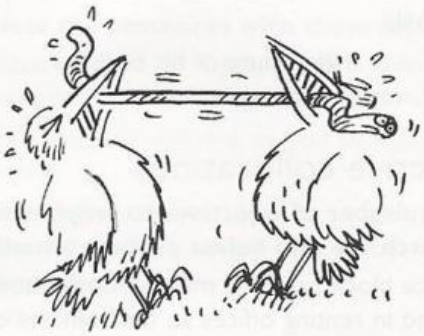
4 Focus on word grammar

Match the two halves of these sentences:

1. This new drug could be a major breakthrough in the fight
2. As citizens we all have a part to play in the fight
3. He believes he's innocent and he's continuing the fight
4. Union president, Harry Muldon, is leading the fight
5. The church has played a big part in the fight

a. to clear his name.
b. for the rights of the unborn child.
c. to stop compulsory redundancies.
d. against MS.
f. against crime.

Note the patterns: **fight for/against + noun**
fight to + verb



"It looks like a fight to the bitter end!"

Notes

1. Note the expressions with 'fight':
   A motorcyclist lost his fight for life after being critically injured in a collision with a bus.
   Only one company can succeed. It will be a real fight to the death.
2. A fight can also be a physical struggle:
   A fight broke out between rival groups of football fans. Police were on the scene in minutes and broke up the fight before it escalated into a riot.
   He put up a real fight when the police arrested him.
   My son is always getting into fights.
3. Note how we say that something is going to be difficult:
   You'll have a fight on your hands to get your ideas past the board.

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