

1 Tick the correct sentence in each pair.

- 1 a They have made a lot of progress in improving working conditions.
b They have achieved a lot of progress in improving working conditions.
- 2 a Poor diet in childhood can have a long-term effect on health.
b Poor diet in childhood can leave a long-term effect on health.

There are many common verb + noun combinations (*collocations*) in English:

make progress: I think the team have made progress this season.

make an impression: It is important to make a good first impression.

make a difference: We believe we can make a difference to children's lives.

make someone/something happy/comfortable/effective, etc.: The system can be improved to make it more effective.

have an effect: This incident will have a negative effect on tourism.

have time: Retired people have more time to spend on their hobbies.

have a(n) advantage/benefit: Tea is believed to have health benefits.

give a(n) reason/explanation: He didn't give any explanation.

give someone a(n) chance/opportunity: Give her a chance to explain first.

deal with a problem/situation: There are several problems we need to deal with.

commit a crime: She proved that he didn't commit the crime.

2 Correct the mistake below.



Can you ?

3 Complete the sentences with an appropriate form of one of the verbs above.

- 1 His manager agreed to him one final chance.
- 2 The police are trained to such emergency situations.
- 3 I tried restarting the computer, but it didn't any difference.
- 4 There was a rise in the number of violent crimes in the city last year.
- 5 Working mothers often don't time to cook fresh meals.
- 6 Both plans their advantages and disadvantages.
- 7 This new treatment will life easier for asthma sufferers.
- 8 His mother's death a profound effect on him.