Wordbuilding collocations

▶ WORDBUILDING adjective and noun collocations

A collocation is a pair or group of words that we often use together. A lot of adjectives collocate with nouns:

large + city, ancient + language

1 Match these nouns with the group of adjectives (1–8) that form collocations.

café city friends hotel
language park transport work

1 first / foreign / official _____
2 five-star / comfortable / friendly _____
3 local / small / beautiful _____
4 polluted / noisy / crowded _____
5 expensive / popular / busy _____
6 good / close / old _____
7 public / private / air _____
8 full-time / office / hard _____

2 Complete these sentences with words from Exercise 1.

1 English is my _____ language. All my family is from the UK.
2 This is a _____ hotel. A family owns it and everyone says 'Hello'.
3 My _____ park is about two minutes away. I often go there to relax at lunchtime.
4 The centre of my city is _____ on Saturdays because lots of people go shopping there.
5 This is a _____ café because it's near the university. Lots of students come here for coffee.
6 I was at school with Martin about 30 years ago, so he's an _____ friend.
7 The _____ transport system is very good in this city. There are lots of trains and buses.
8 I only work ten hours a week. I want a _____ job so I can have more money.

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