

## Collocations: verb + noun (and their opposites)

1 Complete the table with the opposite negative verbs below.

break cause fail ~~forget~~ lose miss

Positive verbs	Negative verbs
remember	1 <u>forget</u>
pass	2 _____
score	3 _____
prevent	4 _____
mend	5 _____
find	6 _____

2 Match the verbs with the nouns to make collocations.

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| 1 <u>b</u> pass  | a a penalty           |
| 2 _____ score    | b <del>an exam</del>  |
| 3 _____ remember | c an argument         |
| 4 _____ mend     | d some money          |
| 5 _____ prevent  | e your phone          |
| 6 _____ find     | f a friend's birthday |

3 Complete the collocations in the dialogues with the verbs below.

caused forgot lost mend missed passed

- 'Why are you so happy?'  
'Because I passed my exam!'
- 'Was it you who \_\_\_\_\_ the argument?'  
'No! He started shouting at me.'
- 'Did you \_\_\_\_\_ the phone that you broke?'  
'No, I need to get a new one.'
- 'It's the 24<sup>th</sup> of June today.'  
'Oh no! I \_\_\_\_\_ Clara's birthday.'
- 'That was a great match!'  
'Not for me. I played really badly and \_\_\_\_\_ a penalty.'
- 'What are you looking for?'  
'I \_\_\_\_\_ some money yesterday and I thought it might be here.'

## Extra: Personal qualities

4 Are the sentences correct (C) or incorrect (I)?

- You need strength to go to university. C ☐ I ☒
- You need speed to win a running race. C ☐ I ☐
- You need experience to learn to play a musical instrument. C ☐ I ☐
- You need creativity to design something new. C ☐ I ☐

- You need fitness to pass your exams. C ☐ I ☐
- You need talent to win a singing competition. C ☐ I ☐
- You need patience to learn a new language. C ☐ I ☐

## Life events

5 Which life event is incorrect?

- a get a job **b** have married  
c start a family
- a make a promotion b go to university  
c retire
- a meet your partner b do your big break  
c move to another city
- a get divorced b change career  
c make a serious illness
- a get married b graduate  
c do your debut
- a move a city b get a promotion  
c start a family

6 Complete the text with the life events below.

change career get a job get a promotion  
get my big break go to university  
graduate from university meet my partner  
start a family

Hi, I'm Alex, and I'm from Athens in Greece. When I'm older, I really want to  
1 go to university to study marketing. After I 2 \_\_\_\_\_, I'd like to 3 \_\_\_\_\_ with an online marketing company. I think it'll be easier to 4 \_\_\_\_\_ if I work online because more people will see my work. I don't think I'll 5 \_\_\_\_\_ because I love marketing and I want to work in that area forever. I'd like to 6 \_\_\_\_\_ though, because then I'd earn more money. I hope that one day I'll 7 \_\_\_\_\_ and get married. After I'm married, I'd like to move with my wife to a new country. Then we could 8 \_\_\_\_\_ because I'd like to have a lot of children. Then I would be very happy!

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Present perfect with *ever* and *never*1 Complete the sentences with *ever* or *never*.

- I've never tried Mongolian food, but I'd like to one day.
- Have you \_\_\_\_\_ scored a penalty? I haven't.
- My mum's \_\_\_\_\_ changed career. She's always been a vet.
- Has Takatoshi \_\_\_\_\_ had a serious accident?
- Have your parents \_\_\_\_\_ seen the New Year celebrations in China?
- They've \_\_\_\_\_ seen a *Harry Potter* film. Can you believe it?
- I've \_\_\_\_\_ failed an exam at school. Have you ever failed an exam?
- Have you \_\_\_\_\_ entered a talent show? I'd really like to enter a singing competition.

2 Complete the dialogues with the present perfect form of the verbs in brackets and *ever* or *never*.

- 'Have you \_\_\_\_\_ ever been \_\_\_\_\_ (go) to Peru?'  
'Yes, I have, but I \_\_\_\_\_ (go) to Argentina or Chile.'
- 'I \_\_\_\_\_ (eat) in a Thai restaurant. Have you?'  
'Yes, I have, but only in Berlin.'  
I \_\_\_\_\_ (visit) Thailand.'
- 'I \_\_\_\_\_ (score) a penalty in a football match. Have you?'  
'No, I haven't, but I've missed one. \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ (miss) a penalty?'
- '\_\_\_\_\_ your dad \_\_\_\_\_ (get) a promotion?'  
'Yes, he has. He's got a lot because he \_\_\_\_\_ (work) for a different company!'
- '\_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ (forget) your best friend's birthday?'  
'Yes, I have, but it doesn't matter because she \_\_\_\_\_ (remember) mine!'
- 'I \_\_\_\_\_ (go) to South Korea. Have you?'  
'Yes, I have, it was great. \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ (try) Korean barbecue? It's delicious!'

## Present perfect and past simple

## 3 Choose the correct verb forms to complete the sentences.

- They ... on holiday to South Africa last year and saw some lions and giraffes.  
a were going    b have been    **c went**
- We ... the *Star Wars* films a lot because my little brother loves them.  
a watched    b have watched    c are watching
- Jin Yan ... the violin since she was ten and she's really good at it now.  
a has played    b will play    c played
- My mum ... accounting at university and got her first job when she was 20.  
a has studied    b studied    c studies
- ... an argument between two of your best friends?  
a Did you prevent  
b Did you ever prevent  
c Have you ever prevented
- We ... to the cinema because there were no films that we wanted to watch.  
a can't go    b didn't go    c haven't been
- ... to Alaska last year or was it the year before?  
a Did you go    b Have you been    c Are you going

## 4 Put the words in the correct order to make sentences and questions.

- parents / been / Have / New Zealand? / your / ever / to  
Have your parents ever been to New Zealand?
- Indian restaurant / never / an / Laurie / to / been / has  
\_\_\_\_\_.
- never / Spanish / studied / My / have / classmates  
\_\_\_\_\_.
- been / a music festival / there / Has / in / ever / your city  
\_\_\_\_\_?
- anyone / met / Japan / you / from / Have / ever  
\_\_\_\_\_?
- never / in / I / my town / met / a celebrity / have  
\_\_\_\_\_.

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