20 SEEING IS BELIEVING

VOCABULARY Collocations: thinking

1 Put the letters in the correct order to make thinking collocations.

1 keam pu uroy dimn .....
2 seu yoru migantoinia .....
3 rcsos yuro dimn .....
4 evah a ohtuhtg .....
5 veha osecnd tugohtsh .....
6 vieg sonemoe a thin .....
7 eosl yuro ticoenanocrtn .....

2 Complete the sentences with the correct collocations from Exercise 1.

1 If you suddenly start thinking about something, you .....
2 To help them to guess something, you can .....
3 When people are talking in an exam, you can .....
4 When you are an artist, you have to .....
5 When you have an important decision to make, it's hard to .....
6 Sometimes you can ..... about something and decide not to do it.
7 If you think about something for a short time, it .....

3 Choose the correct collocation.

1 Shall I go out tonight? I can't *make up my mind / cross my mind*.
2 My sister was playing her music too loud when I was doing my homework. I *had second thoughts / lost my concentration*.
3 I wanted Jemma to guess what her present was – so I *had a thought / gave her a hint*.
4 What was the first thing that *gave you a hint / crossed your mind* when you won the prize?
5 I was going to play football on Saturday, but I *lost my concentration / had second thoughts* and went to the cinema instead.
6 I had to write a story for homework, so I *used my imagination / made up my mind* to create the characters.
7 Have you found anyone to play guitar in the band yet? If not, I've just *had a thought / given you a hint*.

4 Choose the correct form of the collocations from Exercise 1 to complete the text.

Before the maths exam yesterday, it [1] ..... that I might not pass it. There was one really difficult question in the exam where I couldn't [2] ..... what the answer was. And to make it worse, there were some students behind me, talking all the time, so I [3] .....
All I really wanted was for someone to [4] ..... so I could answer the question, but obviously that doesn't happen in an exam. So instead, I just started dreaming and tried to [5] ..... After the exam finished, I [6] ..... that I might not continue with the subject next year. But then I [7] ..... and decided that it was best to continue.

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