



## Achieve, Carry and Devote



### 1. Complete each sentence by writing the correct form of achieve, carry out or devote in each gap:

1. Carol \_\_\_\_\_ some time to discovering what was meaningful to him.
2. My father \_\_\_\_\_ a lot of personal research to find out what sort of help was available.
3. Amy realised that she could \_\_\_\_\_ happiness close to home.

### 2. Write the nouns in the box by each verb they can form collocations with:

|          |              |             |                |                |            |
|----------|--------------|-------------|----------------|----------------|------------|
| time     | a threat     | a test      | success        | research       | one's life |
| an order | an objective |             | an instruction | an improvement |            |
|          | energy       | an ambition |                | an aim         |            |

1. Devote ... (to)
2. Carry out
3. Achieve

### 3. Complete these sentences by writing collocations from the previous exercise in the correct form in each gap. In some cases, more than one answer is possible:

1. In this army, you have to be obedient and \_\_\_\_\_ immediately.
2. Mum said she'd stop my pocket money if I was home late again, but I don't think she'll \_\_\_\_\_ her \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Freddie felt very tired because he had \_\_\_\_\_ a lot of time and \_\_\_\_\_ to his final project.
4. The exam is quite easy, so you won't need to \_\_\_\_\_ very much \_\_\_\_\_ to doing it.
5. Scientists from all around the world have been \_\_\_\_\_ to discover the cause of the disease.
6. Last Christmas, my best friend \_\_\_\_\_ a lifelong \_\_\_\_\_ to visit Oxford.



## Stay, spend and pass, make, cause and have



### 1. Circle the correct word in italics.

1. I have *spent*/*passed* my life studying artificial intelligence.
2. I'm sorry if I've *made*/*caused* you any problems during the time I stayed here.
3. Why can't you see that your bad behaviour will *have*/*cause* effects on others?
4. The news that my mother had had another baby *made*/*had* me very happy.
5. She really enjoys late night films on TV when she can *stay*/*be* awake.
6. Yesterday, I *spent*/*stayed* three hours listening to the radio.

### 2. Now complete these sentences using stay, spend, pass, make, cause or have in the correct form:

1. We should be able to go camping because they say the weather is going to \_\_\_\_\_ like this for the rest of the weekend.
2. We decided to \_\_\_\_\_ the night in the park.
3. Emily \_\_\_\_\_ all night doing her homework.
4. His talks are always excellent and \_\_\_\_\_ a powerful impact on others.
5. The bad sound quality \_\_\_\_\_ the film very difficult to understand.
6. Chloe played a game on her phone to \_\_\_\_\_ the times while she was waiting for him.
7. I decided to \_\_\_\_\_ the afternoon in the beach.

### 3. Which verb make, cause or have forms a collocation with each of these nouns? In some cases, more than one verb-noun collocation is possible.

|          |           |               |           |
|----------|-----------|---------------|-----------|
| trouble  | a problem | an impression | an impact |
| a change | an effect | an accident   |           |

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## 4. Complete these sentences by writing a collocation from the previous exercise in each of the gaps. In some cases, more than one answer is possible:

1. ...And remember, your choice of subjects at university will \_\_\_\_\_ a big \_\_\_\_\_ on your future career.
2. Living in the country \_\_\_\_\_ a nice \_\_\_\_\_ after spending nearly my entire life living in a city.
3. I \_\_\_\_\_ that nurse is not very organized. Otherwise, she'd hand her work on time.
4. I hope I haven't \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ by coming to stay unexpectedly.
5. Amelia obviously \_\_\_\_\_ a good \_\_\_\_\_ on the examiners because they gave her the highest mark possible.
6. A cat ran onto the road and would have \_\_\_\_\_ if I hadn't reacted quickly.

## 5. Circle the correct verb:

1. A lot of time has **spent**/**passed** since we saw each other.
2. Some people prefer **staying**/**spending** at home with their family to travelling.
3. Nowadays teenagers **spend**/**pass** more time playing computer games than watching TV.
4. We **spend**/**pass** one afternoon a week at my grandmother's house.
5. Seeing friends is the best way to **pass**/**spend** the time on holidays.
6. Did you **stay**/**spend** at the party till the end?

## 6. Which verbs in the table collocate with the nouns in the box? Put the nouns in the correct column. Some can go in more than one column:

|             |           |          |          |              |
|-------------|-----------|----------|----------|--------------|
| unhappiness | a mistake | offence  | changes  | an impact on |
| damage      | an effort | peace    | a shock  | trouble      |
|             | confusion | patience | progress | fun          |

| Make | Cause | have |
|------|-------|------|
|      |       |      |



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### 7. Match the two parts of the sentences:

1. Soccer teams work hard to achieve
  2. Some famous scientists devote
  3. My father (who is a scientist) has been carrying out
  4. Emma finally achieved
  5. My sister's project was very good because she devoted
  6. During the exam the students tried to carry out
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- A. success in the international championship.
  - B. a lot of time in it.
  - C. their lives to finding a cure for diseases.
  - D. their teacher's instructions perfectly.
  - E. her ambition to become a vet.
  - F. new research on what makes people happy.