

Putting collocations together...

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- ▶ **to have a baby** to produce a child
- ▶ **to have a party** to arrange an event where a group of people enjoy themselves by talking, dancing, eating, etc.
- ▶ **to have fun** to enjoy yourself
- ▶ **to have/take a shower** to stand under falling water to wash yourself
- ▶ **to make an effort** to try hard to do something
- ▶ **to make friends** to start to know and like someone
- ▶ **to take/have a look** to look at something
- ▶ **to take a photograph** to make a picture of something with a camera

Collocations in this book



There is a lot of helpful information on collocations in the 'Putting words together' sections of this book. For example, the unit 'Crime' tells you that people **commit a crime** or **commit murder**. (They do not 'do a crime' or 'do murder'.) The same unit also tells you that an action that is not allowed by law is **against the law**. You will also find useful collocation information in some exercises, for example, in the unit 'Computers':

- ▶ *Before you go onto the website, you need to [open/enter] a password.*
(**Enter a password** is the correct collocation.)

Note that collocations have other names. For example, some people call them 'word partners' or 'word pairs'.

Exercise 3

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Four incorrect collocations are used in each of the following emails. Circle and correct them below. Listen and check.

My aunt and uncle made a party last Saturday to celebrate the birth of their first child. My aunt got a baby girl a month ago. Most of my family were there, including my favourite cousins, so we all had a lot of fun. I made a lot of photos of the baby (she's very pretty!) I'll bring them with me when we meet up so you can do a look at them.

College is really fun. I'm doing an effort to get to know the people on my course. Most of them are really nice and I'm finding a lot of friends. Anyway, I must go. I have to make a shower before our guests arrive. It's Jenny's birthday so we're doing a party for her.

- 1 had a party 3 _____
2 _____ 4 _____

- 5 _____ 7 _____
6 _____ 8 _____

Exercise 4

Choose the correct collocation to complete each sentence. You will find the collocations for this exercise in other units of the book.

- 1 He [got/turned/went] dressed and went downstairs.
- 2 [Strong/Big/Heavy] snow is causing problems for travellers.
- 3 I [scored/won/made] three goals!
- 4 Helena Lewis [does/makes/plays] the part of the young ballet dancer in her latest movie.
- 5 I [made/took/had] your advice, Lucy, and bought the red dress.
- 6 If you're looking for a nice restaurant to go to, could I [make/do/say] a suggestion?
- 7 You know Emma – she's tall and blonde and she [wears/holds/takes] glasses.
- 8 The [end/final/ultimate] score was 4–1.

Use the words you've learned...

Find examples of collocations in other units of this book and put them into sentences.

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