aim

1 Verb + aim

Use the correct form of these verbs:

achieve	*clarify*
have	*set out*
pursue	*support*

1. You'll need to ..... the aims and objectives of your project. Make sure you state them clearly at the beginning of your report.
2. Our organisation is committed to ..... its aims through peaceful means. We totally reject violence as a means of political change.
3. Some companies ..... their aims in a very ruthless way – with no thought of what they are doing to the environment.
4. I ..... the aims of animal rights activists because I want to see a ban on using animals in experiments.
5. He's just drifting. He seems to ..... no aims in life at all. Would you talk to him?
6. All parents receive a booklet which ..... the school's aims and objectives before their children start their first term.

In which examples above could you also use:

fulfil *sympathise with*

2 With the aim of

Complete the sentences below:

awareness
dependency
homelessness
employment
relations

1. My sister went to Valencia last year with the aim of finding ..... in the hotel industry so that she could improve her Spanish.
2. This booklet has been produced with the aim of increasing public ..... of AIDS.
3. A new scheme has been set up with the aim of reducing people's ..... on the welfare state.
4. The police regularly visit schools in run-down inner-city areas with the aim of improving community ..... .
5. A new charity has been set up with the aim of tackling ..... among young single men.

Go back and underline the full expressions.

3 Common adjective collocations

Use the following adjectives below:

broad	*clear*
common	*underlying*
long-term	*sole*
laudable	

1. Before you start this project, it is important to have a ..... aim in mind. You really need to know where you're going.
2. Increasing the state pension is a ..... aim, but I don't think the country can afford it.
3. Promotion to the first division is the ..... aim of the club, but our immediate aim is to win our next match.
4. I sympathise with the ..... aims of the party, but on this particular issue I'm afraid I have to disagree.
5. Although the President is here on an official visit, I think the ..... aim is to promote trade.
6. He's a selfish sort of person. His ..... aim in life seems to be to make money.
7. This company will only be successful if people work together with ..... aims.

Notes

1. In 3-4 you could use 'general aim'.
2. Look at this common expression:
   We're paying so much attention to the details of the plan that we are in danger of losing sight of our original aims.
3. Notice these adjective collocations used to talk about very important aims:
   In his speech he said that the ultimate aim of the party was to get rid of poverty.
   The chief / main aim of the course is to familiarise you with the uses of the internet.
   The principal aim of education must be to encourage young people to think for themselves.
   The overriding aim of US foreign policy at that time was to prevent the spread of communism.
   The primary aim in sumo wrestling is to knock your opponent right out of the ring!
4. Notice *short-term, medium-term, and long-term* aims or goals.

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