

belief

1 Verb + belief

Use the correct form of these verbs:

cling to	hold
shake	share
strengthen	stand up for

1. My boss strong political beliefs and expresses them on every possible occasion!
2. Although I don't your beliefs, I do respect them. I think this is important in a democratic society.
3. We should all have the courage to our beliefs.
4. He was only fined £100 for killing somebody in a road accident! This case has my belief in our justice system.
5. My mother's long battle against stomach cancer has only her belief in God.
6. A week after her husband disappeared in a boating accident, she's still the belief that he's alive. She refuses to accept that he might have drowned.

2 Common adjective collocations

Use these adjectives to complete the sentences:

firm	genuine
growing	mistaken
popular	unshakeable

1. For years at school I was under the belief that Anne was Chris's mother. It was only years later I found out she was his step-sister!
2. Contrary to belief, eating carrots does not improve your eyesight.
3. My brother has an belief in his own abilities. I've never known anybody with such self-belief and self-confidence.
4. It is my belief that abortion is immoral. Nobody will ever convince me that we have the right to end life in that way.
5. Fighting has again broken out along the border. There is now a belief among politicians that war is inevitable.
6. If you want to be a successful salesman, you have to have a belief in the product you are selling. It's no good just pretending to like something.

3 Expressions with prepositions

Complete the sentences below with *on*, *to* or *of*:

1. Throughout her persecution, Joan of Arc remained faithful her beliefs. She refused to give them up.
2. The fact that millions of people are dying of famine has shaken the foundations my belief in God.
3. Sarah's parents hadn't realised the depth her religious beliefs until she told them she had decided to become a nun.
4. I've never really trusted that woman. I've always had doubts about the sincerity her beliefs.
5. Capitalism is partly based the belief that people work more productively if they are working for themselves.
6. Every religion has its own set beliefs.



Notes

1. Note the following expressions:
She may have made the situation worse, but she acted in the belief that she was doing the right thing.
That's impossible to believe! It's beyond belief!
It's my belief that a vaccine for AIDS will be found.
2. If you really find something impossible to explain or understand you can say that it 'beggars belief'.
It beggars belief how one man could have destroyed a bank.
3. Note that we talk of *having* political and religious beliefs.