

doubt

1 Verb + doubt

Use the correct form of these verbs:

cast	confirm	have (x2)
raise	remove	

1. The latest accident on the London to Norwich line has serious doubts about the safety of the braking system on the new trains.
2. An order for two new ships for the navy has any doubts about the shipyard's future.
3. New evidence has emerged since the trial that doubt on the guilty verdict.
4. I'm doubts about taking the job in Paris – maybe I'll just stay here where I'm comfortable.
5. The painting didn't look authentic. An examination by an expert has our doubts.
6. I no doubt whatsoever that William will be a great leader and an asset to the company.

2 Determiner + doubt

Use these words to complete the sentences:

any my no (x2) some

1. doubt cod liver oil is very good for you, but I just don't like the taste of it!
2. Our son, Alan, is still in doubt about whether to go to university or not.
3. Give me a ring if you're in doubt about how to use the new software.
4. They say they'll be here by eight, but I have doubts!
5. There was doubt in my mind that he was lying. I could tell by his shifty eyes.

3 Common expressions

Use these expressions to complete the sentences:

in doubt	no doubt about it
open to doubt	without doubt
beyond all reasonable doubt	

1. David Beckham is one of the most famous football players in the world today.
2. If, consult your doctor before continuing with this medication.
3. Whether they can finish the bridge on time is still

4. The prosecution's task in a court case is to establish a person's guilt
5. Crolla's makes the best ice cream in town.!

4 Adjective collocations

Complete the sentences with these adjectives:

slightest serious niggling

1. After watching Bob's disastrous lesson, I have doubts that he'll qualify as a teacher.
2. I haven't the doubt that James will pass. He's one of the best in the class.
3. I've had doubts about Michael. I can't put my finger on it. I just feel something isn't right.

grave lingering growing
4. Although he was found not guilty of murder, there are still doubts about his innocence.
5. I've been having doubts about taking that job in Singapore. I think I'm too old to be going abroad again.
6. What do you think about this plan to open up in Scandinavia?
> I've got doubts about it myself. It's a notoriously difficult market for outsiders.

Go back and underline all the collocations in the exercises in this unit.

Notes

1. In 3-5 'little' is also possible.
2. Note that we can *raise, voice, or express* our doubts about something:
The meeting will give you an opportunity to voice any doubts you may have about the project.
3. Note the following expressions:
I knew without a shadow of a doubt that he was guilty.
He may not have been telling the truth, but I felt I had to give him the benefit of the doubt.
He says the building will be ready on time, but I have my doubts.
4. Note the following common expression:
Doubts have arisen over the reliability of the new air-traffic control system.