

effort

1 Verb + effort

Use the correct form of these verbs:

expend	go into
make	require
reward	save

1. If you want to get good grades, you'd better start more of an effort. As it is, you'll be lucky to scrape a pass.
2. Learning a language as a child seems to involve no effort at all, but learning it as an adult a lot of time and effort.
3. Following record sales over the Christmas period, the staff were for their efforts with a New Year bonus of £300.
4. I'd tackle the problem now if I were you. It'll only take a couple of hours and it'll you a lot of time and effort in the long run.
5. A lot of effort has making this event a success. I'd like to thank all of those who were involved.
6. After all that effort on training to be a doctor, she decided that she wanted to do something else. What a terrible waste of time!

2 Adjective + effort

Use these adjectives to complete the sentences:

concerted	extra
feeble	supreme
determined	

1. My father is making a huge effort to stop smoking. > Good for him! Tell him I'm also making a effort to kick the habit! I haven't had a cigarette for a week!
2. It's not an easy book to read but it's extremely interesting. It's well worth putting in the effort to understand it.
3. Jon can be so irritating. He made a effort to help me with the dishes. I think he dried one plate and then went round telling people he had done the dishes!
4. Some people can lose weight virtually overnight, but for most people, dieting requires a effort of will.
5. Now, for many of our guests this will be their first time abroad, so let's all make a effort to make our Russian colleagues welcome.

3 Common expressions

Match the two halves of the sentences below:

1. If we fail, it won't be for
 2. This company has invested a great deal of
 3. He passed his exams with
 4. I know it's a long climb to the top of the hill, but the view from the top is
 5. Everybody on our social committee has put in
 6. We've started a massive advertising campaign
- a. time and effort in setting up training schemes.
 - b. well worth the effort.
 - c. in an effort to recruit more blood donors.
 - d. the minimum of effort. He's obviously very bright.
 - e. want of effort.
 - f. a great deal of effort to make the weekend a success.

4 Noun + effort

Use these nouns to complete the sentences:

waste prize relief war fund-raising

1. The efforts of local people have resulted in over £10,000 being raised for cancer research in the past year.
2. efforts in the Congo are being hampered by the on-going civil war.
3. People started to wear yellow badges to show their support for the effort.
4. The only I won at school was one for effort. At least I tried! And that's more important than coming first!
5. A lot of grammar study is a of time and effort. Collocation is much more useful.

Notes

1. Note the use of the quantifiers *every* and *no* in the following common expressions:
Every effort is being made to rectify the problem.
We will spare no effort to find out who did this.
2. 'In an effort to' means 'in order to':
We've reduced our workforce in an effort to cut costs.
3. If something is a 'real effort', it is very difficult:
Dad's very weak now. It's a real effort just to talk.