

fight

1 Verb + fight

Use the correct form of these verbs:

be engaged in carry on give up
lose put up step up

- Workers at Ford's lorry plant are determined to a fight to save their jobs.
- More money has been promised to help scientists to the fight to find a cure for AIDS.
- In response to public pressure, the government has promised to the fight against drugs.
- My company a bitter fight with the local council, who are refusing us planning permission for a new factory.
- Although jailed for twenty years by the military government, he refuses to his fight for freedom of speech.
- If you ask me, the police seem to be the fight against crime.

2 Common adjective collocations

Use these adjectives to complete the sentences:

brave easy fair good tough

- I'm not surprised we lost. Fairford United were a much better side, but we managed to put up a fight.
- It won't be an fight. The government will have to work hard to convince people that this change to the law is in their interests.
- The new director has got a fight on his hands. I'm not sure it was a good idea to take on the union. I can't see them accepting the new working conditions that he wants.
- Sue died after a fight against breast cancer.
- I don't know what he's complaining about. It was a fight. The referee couldn't have been fairer.

3 Expressions with prepositions

Use these prepositions in the sentences:

for over against with to

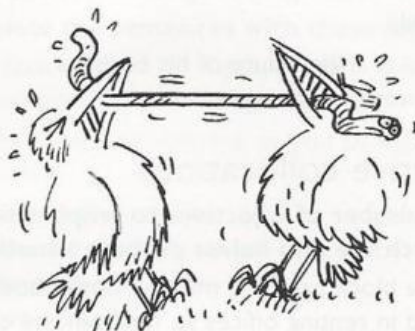
- It'll be a fight the bitter end.
- Hurry up! We're in a fight time.
- They had a fight who should drive.
- He was in a fight an older boy.
- The fight the gold medal will be interesting!

4 Focus on word grammar

Match the two halves of these sentences:

- This new drug could be a major breakthrough in the fight
 - As citizens we all have a part to play in the fight
 - He believes he's innocent and he's continuing the fight
 - Union president, Harry Muldon, is leading the fight
 - The church has played a big part in the fight
- a. to clear his name.
b. for the rights of the unborn child.
c. to stop compulsory redundancies.
d. against MS.
f. against crime.

Note the patterns: fight for/against + noun
fight to + verb



"It looks like a fight to the bitter end!"

Notes

- Note the expressions with 'fight':

A motorcyclist lost his fight for life after being critically injured in a collision with a bus.

Only one company can succeed. It will be a real fight to the death.

- A fight can also be a physical struggle:

A fight broke out between rival groups of football fans. Police were on the scene in minutes and broke up the fight before it escalated into a riot.

He put up a real fight when the police arrested him. My son is always getting into fights.

- Note how we say that something is going to be difficult:

You'll have a fight on your hands to get your ideas past the board.