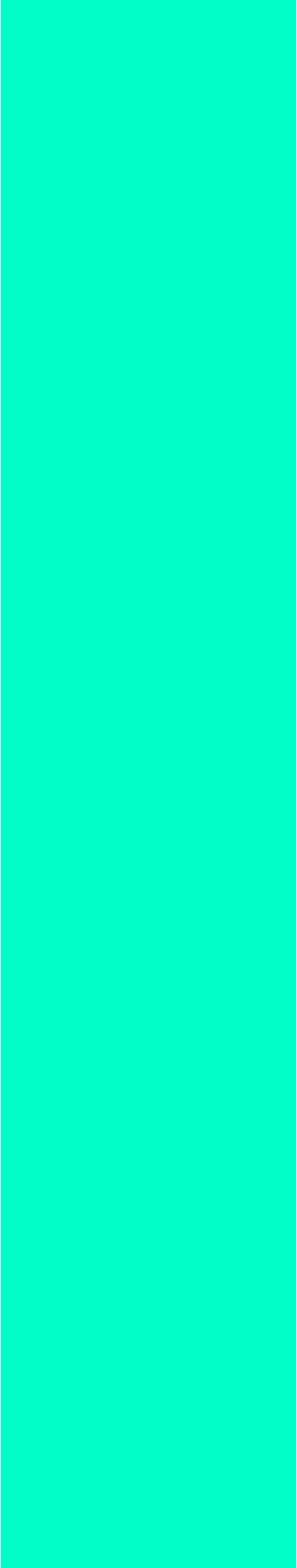


COLLOCATION

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WHAT IS COLLOCATION?

Learning collocation is an important part of learning the vocabulary of a language. Words occurring together in a language is an important part of speaking and writing fluently. To be able to produce 'native-like' speech, you have to know which words work together well. A collocation is a pair or group of words that are often together. These combinations sound natural to native speaker, but students of English has to make special effort to learn them because they are often difficult to guess. A Collocation is concerned with the way words occur together often in naturally or unpredictable ways.

The real thing	The genuine thing
A wide summary	A broad summary
In big detail	In great detail
Feeble attempt	Frail attempt
Utterly confused	Heavily confused
Formidable opponent	Threatening opponent
Raise your hand	Lift your hand

Usually wake-up	Used to wake up
Make exercise	Do exercise
Strong engine	Powerful engine
Receive a discount	Get a discount
Do a risk	Take a risk
Antique monument	Ancient monument

‘Contrast’ should be taught with its collocation ‘in contrast’.

Some more examples:

In regard to, give a presentation, regular exercise, healthy diet, blissfully ignorant, whisk an egg, do the homework, do the washing-up, make the beds, fall in love, to close a deal, make a mess, etc. are some of them.

Look at some travel collocation

1. My car broke down on the way.
2. I had a crash on the drive to work.
3. The traffic jam went on for miles down the road.
4. A kind man gave us a lift to Calicut.
5. We travelled around Europe last year.
6. There was a long queue at the ticket office.

Read the passage and understand the common collocation.

I met my ex-husband in 1995; we fell in love at first sight. After three years of our first meeting, he proposed and we got married six months later. At first, everything was perfect; we both did the housework together; I did the washing-up and made the beds and he did the cooking. He always made a mess when he did the cooking, but I didn't mind because the dinners were always delicious.

When he got a new job in New Delhi, things took an unexpected turn. We had to make a few crucial decisions. We moved there, so he wouldn't have to take the train to work every day. His grinding routine began to affect the rhythm of our life. He started paying less attention to me. He stopped lending a hand in domestic chores. He was unusually stressed and he started to grow bald. He felt very depressed

lipstick stain on his shirt. I was very angry that he was hiding a secret from me. That night when he came home, I flew into a rage and he made a frank confession that he had been having an affair. It broke my heart. I filed for divorce and we got separated two weeks later.