

# ENGLISH PLUS

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KEY

## PRACTICE WORKSHEETS



## COLLOCATIONS

WHAT IS A  
COLLOCATION?



# Collocations 01 | What is a Collocation?

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1. Answer the following questions based on what you listened to in the podcast episode.

A. What is a collocation?

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B. Which of these words does **fast** collocate with: **car, food, glance, meal**?

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C. Which of these are compounds: **computer, narrow-minded, teapot, ancient monument, car park**?

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D. What do we call expressions like **pass the buck** and **be over the moon**?

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2. **Make ten collocations from the following words:**

*an effort, ancient, bitterly, make, breakfast, cold, dark, engine, forbidden, mistakes, have, make, meal, monument, pitch, powerful, strictly, substantial, TV, watch*

A. _____	G. _____
B. _____	H. _____
C. _____	I. _____
D. _____	J. _____
E. _____	K. _____
F. _____	

3. Are these statements about collocations true or false?

- A.  R  W Learning collocations will make your English sound more natural.
- B.  R  W Learning collocations will help you to express yourself in a variety of ways.
- C.  R  W Learning collocations will help you to write better English.
- D.  R  W Using collocations properly will get you better marks in exams.
- E.  R  W You will not be understood unless you use collocations properly.

4. Write next to each expression whether it is a compound, a collocation or an idiom

- A. make a mistake \_\_\_\_\_
- B. a storm in a tea cup \_\_\_\_\_
- C. live music \_\_\_\_\_
- D. checkpoint \_\_\_\_\_
- E. key ring \_\_\_\_\_
- F. pull somebody's leg \_\_\_\_\_
- G. heavy snow \_\_\_\_\_
- H. valid passport \_\_\_\_\_
- I. teapot \_\_\_\_\_
- J. bitterly disappointed \_\_\_\_\_

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**5. Pull the collocations from this text and write them in the list below.**

When I left university I made a decision to take up a profession in which I could be creative. I could play the guitar, but I'd never written any songs. Nonetheless, I decided to become a singer-songwriter. I made some recordings but I had a rather heavy cold, so they didn't sound good. I made some more, and sent them to a record company and waited for them to reply. So, while I was waiting to become famous, I got a job in a fastfood restaurant. That was five years ago. I'm still doing the same job.

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| A. _____ | F. _____ |
| B. _____ | G. _____ |
| C. _____ | H. _____ |
| D. _____ | I. _____ |
| E. _____ |          |

# Vocabulary Intermediate 01 | Countries and Nationalities

1. A. \_\_\_\_\_

B. \_\_\_\_\_

C. \_\_\_\_\_

D. \_\_\_\_\_

2. A. \_\_\_\_\_

B. \_\_\_\_\_

C. \_\_\_\_\_

D. \_\_\_\_\_

E. \_\_\_\_\_

F. \_\_\_\_\_

G. \_\_\_\_\_

H. \_\_\_\_\_

I. \_\_\_\_\_

J. \_\_\_\_\_

K. \_\_\_\_\_

3. A. (R) (W)    B. (R) (W)    C. (R) (W)    D. (R) (W)    E. (R) (W)

4. A. \_\_\_\_\_    B. \_\_\_\_\_    C. \_\_\_\_\_

D. \_\_\_\_\_    E. \_\_\_\_\_    F. \_\_\_\_\_

G. \_\_\_\_\_    H. \_\_\_\_\_    I. \_\_\_\_\_

J. \_\_\_\_\_

Answer Sheet

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|-------------|----------|
| 5. A. _____ | B. _____ |
| C. _____    | D. _____ |
| E. _____    | F. _____ |
| G. _____    | H. _____ |
| I. _____    |          |

## Collocations 01 | What is a Collocation?

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1. Answer the following questions based on what you listened to in the podcast episode.

A. What is a collocation?

A collocation is a pair or group of words which are often used together in a way which sounds natural to native speaker of English.

B. Which of these words does **fast** collocate with: **car, food, glance, meal**?

car and food

C. Which of these are compounds: **computer, narrow-minded, teapot, ancient monument, car park**?

narrow-minded, teapot, and car park

D. What do we call expressions like **pass the buck** and **be over the moon**?

idioms

2. Make ten collocations from the following words:

*an effort, ancient, bitterly, make, breakfast, cold, dark, engine, forbidden, mistakes, have, make, meal, monument, pitch, powerful, strictly, substantial, TV, watch*

A. make mistakes

G. substantial meal

B. powerful engine

H. bitterly cold

C. have breakfast

I. pitch dark

D. make an effort

J. strictly forbidden

E. watch TV

K. make breakfast/ substantial breakfast

F. ancient monument

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- A. make a mistake collocation
- B. a storm in a tea cup idiom
- C. live music collocation
- D. checkpoint compound
- E. key ring compound
- F. pull somebody's leg idiom
- G. heavy snow collocation
- H. valid passport collocation
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|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| A. <u>left university</u>      | F. <u>made some recordings</u> |
| B. <u>made a decision</u>      | G. <u>heavy cold</u>           |
| C. <u>take up a profession</u> | H. <u>become famous</u>        |
| D. <u>play the guitar</u>      | I. <u>got a job</u>            |
| E. <u>written any songs</u>    |                                |

# Vocabulary Intermediate 01 | Countries and Nationalities

1. A. A collocation is a pair or group of words which are often used together in a way which sounds natural to native speaker of English.  
 B. car and food  
 C. narrow-minded, teapot, and car park  
 D. idioms
2. A. make mistakes  
 B. powerful engine  
 C. have breakfast  
 D. make an effort  
 E. watch TV  
 F. ancient monument  
 G. substantial meal  
 H. bitterly cold  
 I. pitch dark  
 J. strictly forbidden  
 K. make breakfase/ substantial breakfast
3. A.  R  W    B.  R  W    C.  R  W    D.  R  W    E.  R  W
4. A. collocation    B. idiom    C. collocation  
 D. compound    E. compound    F. idiom  
 G. collocation    H. collocation    I. compound  
 J. collocation

Answer Sheet

5. A. left university B. made a decision  
C. take up a profession D. play the guitar  
E. written any songs F. made some recordings  
G. heavy cold H. become famous  
I. got a job