News Quiz 2023
COLLOCATION MATCH

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1. the most populous   jokes
2. ground   country   prodigy
3. criminal
4. tennis   tycoon
5. the sole   survivor(s)
6. turbulent   year   invasion
7. stunning
8. witty   house   marriage
9. fashion   charges   of origin
10. the country   revelation

Now try to remember in what context they were used.

B. Now match these verb + noun collocations.

1.	claimed	to the throne
2.	ascended	the lives (of)
3.	succeed	flight
4.	washed away	his mother
5.	underwent	as a hoax
6.	took	missing
7.	led	a makeover
8.	dismissed	a revolt
9.	went	into the sea
10.	took in	$1.4bn at the box office

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Which of the verbs above can also go with the following nouns? Try to think of an example for each.

_____ a new product / an attack / a campaign
_____ treatment / surgery/ a transformation
_____ responsibility / compensation / unemployment benefits

C. For each of the adjectives 1-8 in the list below, find a suitable noun partner from the box. You won't need all the nouns.

1. historic _____

2. unfortunate _____

3. torrential _____

4. seasoned _____

5. entire _____

6. coveted _____

7. the title _____

8. highest grossing _____

> movie   players
>
> voyage   trophy   incident
>
> role   victory
>
> rains   neighbourhoods

Now do the same for adjectives 9-16

9. alien _____

10. remote _____

11. stunning _____

12. the crown _____

13. luxury _____

14. maiden _____

15. renewed _____

16. ancient _____

> artifacts   relics
>
> voyage   trophy   incident
>
> role   revelation   goods
>
> calls   area   jewel

- Do you remember in what context the above collocations were used?

- For each collocation in the list, find another collocation it can be combined with and used in the same sentence/context. For example:

  *Spain's **historic victory** (1) in the Women's World Cup was overshadowed by an **unfortunate incident** (2).*

PHRASE MATCH

Match the verbs in the first column with the adjectives/nouns in the second and the last part of the phrase in the third. The first one has been done for you.

1.	launched	criminal	role
2.	faced	found	attention
3.	starred	a ground	alive
4.	caused	in the title	flooding
5.	were miraculously	the world's	invasion
6.	took	Chandler	charges
7.	brought	an unexpected	to life
8.	captured	massive	turn

FILL IN THE BLANKS

A. Each of the sentences below is missing a two-word chunk. Try to complete them from memory before going back to the news quiz to check. The first letter of each missing word in the chunk has been given.

1. Donald Trump became the first former US President to face **c_____ c_____**.

2. Margot Robbie starred in the **t_____ r_____** of the blockbuster *Barbie*.

3. In 2023, the cinema industry continued to **b_____ b_____** after the pandemic.

4. In July 2023, Twitter **u_____** a **m_____** getting a new name and logo.

5. Scientists made a **s_____ r_____** before the Mexican Congress by presenting two alien mummies as evidence of non-human life.

6. Matthew Perry, who brought Chandler to life on *Friends*, was famous for his **w_____ j_____**.

7. The search for the Titan submarine **c_____** the world's **a_____** in June 2023.

8. Tina Turner, the Queen of Rock 'n' Roll, will be remembered for her electrifying **s_____ p_____**.

B. Now try the same activity with sentences with <u>three</u> gaps.

9. In 2023, India **s_____** China as the most populous country in the world. India's population **c_____ s_____** at 1,4 billion.

10. Entire neighbourhoods were **w_____ a_____** into the sea in Libya when two **d_____** burst.

11. Twitter had a **t_____** first year **u_____** Elon Musk's **l_____** with many users leaving the social media platform.

12. The alien **a_____** presented in the Mexican Congress were later **d_____** as a **h_____**.

13. Comedy fans **m**_____ the passing of Matthew Perry, the actor who **b**_____ Chandler to **l**_____on *Friends*.

14. The Titan submarine was carrying tourists to see the **w**_____ of the Titanic, which sank in 1912 during its **m**_____ **v**_____.

15. Delphine Arnault, the daughter of fashion **t**_____ Bernard Arnault, **t**_____ **o** _____ running Dior.

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C. Are you up to the challenge? Each sentence below has <u>four</u> gaps.

16. The October 7 massacre **c**_____ the **l**_____ of hundreds of people and prompted Israel to **l**_____ a ground invasion of the Gaza Strip with the **a**_____ of eradicating Hamas.

17. Charles **a**_____ to the **t**_____ as King Charles III **s**_____ his **m**_____, Queen Elizabeth II.

18. Two dams burst as a result of **t**_____ **r**_____ causing **m**_____ **f**_____ in Libya.

19. Tennis prodigy Coco Gauff won her first Grand Slam in 2023 after defeating a number of **s**_____ **p**_____ on the way to the **c**_____ **t**_____.

20. Four children who were the **s**_____ **s**_____ of a plane crash were miraculously **f**_____ **a**_____ in the Colombian rainforest 40 days later.

21. The search for the Titan submarine, which **w**_____ **m**_____ in a **r**_____ **a**_____ of the Atlantic, captured the world's attention in June 2023.

22. The war in Ukraine took an **u**_____ **t**_____ when the chief of the Wagner group of mercenaries **l**_____ a **r**_____ against President Putin.

23. Spain's **h**_____ **v**_____ at the Women's World Cup was overshadowed by an **u**_____ **i**_____.

24. Delphine Arnault **a**_____ **c**_____ of Christian Dior, the **c**_____ **j**_____ of her father's luxury goods empire.

25. *What's Love Got to Do With It*, the 1993 **b**_____ about Tina Turner's **t**_____ marriage, is **n**_____ **a**_____ one of her anthems.

26. Greece made **r**_____ **c**_____ for the return of the **a**_____ **r**_____ known as the Elgin Marbles to the Acropolis.

VOCABULARY REVIEW: COLLOCATION FORKS

The key word - adjective or verb - in the 'forks' below is missing. Based on the collocations provided, can you figure out the missing words, all of which appeared in the News Quiz? Note that the missing word should match ALL the words in the fork.

1.
an attack
a campaign
a rocket

2.
charges
investigation
offence

3.
surgery / an operation
changes
a makeover

4.
name
voyage
flight

5.
spot
prize
trophy

6.
year / period / times
marriage
part of the world

7.
history
times
Greece
ruins
artefacts

8.
view
victory
beauty
revelation
comeback

Now create your own forks.
Use Just-the-Word or SkELL to help you.

luxury	

(to) capture	

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5. entire neighbourhoods
6. coveted trophy

7. the title role
8. highest grossing movie

What can go with what?
  1 and 2 (see example below)
  3 and 5 (Libyan floods)
  4 and 6 (Coco Gauff)
  7 and 8 (Barbie the movie)

Of course, other combinations, not based on the news quiz are possible

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9. alien artifacts
10. remote area_
11. stunning revelation
12. the crown jewels
13. luxury goods
14. maiden voyage
15. renewed calls
16. ancient relics

What can go with what?
  9 and 11 (Mexican mummies)
  10 and 14 (Titan / Titanic)
  12 and 13 (Arnault's daughter taking over Dior)
  15 and 16 (Greek statues)

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  refer students back to the quiz if necessary
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21. The search for the Titan submarine **went missing** in a **remote area** of the Atlantic, captured the world's attention in June 2023.

22. The war in Ukraine took an **unexpected turn** when the chief of the Wagner group of mercenaries **led** *(launched is also correct)* a **revolt** against President Putin.

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26. Greece made **renewed calls** for the return of the **ancient relics** known as the Elgin Marbles to the Acropolis.

VOCABULARY REVIEW: COLLOCATION FORKS

Note that a list of missing words ('word bank') is not provided above as the idea is to get learners to recall the words. If you find this too challenging, provide the **words**, but, perhaps, include some distracters

launch **criminal** **turbulent** **coveted** **stunning**
undergo **maiden** **ancient** claim seasoned

1. *launch*	an attack
	a campaign
	a rocket

2. *criminal*	charges
	investigation
	offence

3. *undergo*	surgery / an operation
	changes
	a makeover

4. *maiden*	name
	voyage
	flight

5. *coveted*	spot
	prize
	trophy

6. *turbulent*	year / period / times
	marriage
	part of the world

7. *ancient*	history
	times
	Greece
	ruins
	artefacts

8. *stunning*	view
	victory
	beauty
	revelation
	comeback

Now create your own forks.
Use Just-the-Word or SkELL to help you. - some possible answers that students may find:

luxury	*hotel*
	goods
	weekend

(to) capture	*the imagination*
	the moment
	the attention