

Review: Collocations

- Collocations are groups of words that are usually used together.
- Here are some common collocations and some examples.

adverb + adjective: She was extremely excited.

adjective + noun: Regular exercise is recommended.

noun + noun: He experienced a rush of adrenaline.

noun + verb: The alarm went off.

verb + noun: I would never commit a crime.

verb + expression with a preposition: She broke down in tears.

verb + adverb: Sleep soundly, my love.

Exercise 1: Dictogloss

Teacher's Document

Your teacher is going to read you a story. As you listen, write down the most important words, particularly the preposition collocations.

Next, in pairs, try to rewrite the story as best as possible.

Next, your teacher will give you the story with some blank spaces. Try to complete the story.

After you have completed the story, you can check the answers together and discuss some of the collocations.

Exercise 2:

a) Prepositional Phrases - Listed below are thirty words and phrases. Put them under the correct preposition. Some of them can be used with more than one preposition. An example has been done for you.

a budget a change a hurry air all means breath business date a
diet first fire heart rent/hire holiday/vacation instance last luck
mistake night once order the ordinary particular private purpose
sale sight the moment trouble work

AT first Last Night Once The moment work	BY all means Heart Mistake	FOR a change rent/hire Instance Once Sale work
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IN a hurry Business Particular Private Sight The moment trouble	ON a budget a diet Fire holiday/vacation Air order Purpose sale	OUT OF Air Breath Business Date luck Order The ordinary sight
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b) Complete the following sentences with a suitable prepositional phrase. Choose from the ones above.

1. I didn't recognize him **at first** because it had been so long since I last saw him.

2. 'Can I join you for lunch?' 'Yes, **by all means**.'
3. I've finished my presentation **at last**. It's taken me all evening to do it.
4. 'I hear you're going to Mexico. A holiday?' 'No, sadly, I have to go there **for work/ business**.'
5. I've put on so much weight in the last six months. I think I'd better go **on a diet**.
6. Like most students I'm **on a budget** so I only go out at the weekend.
7. The elevator or as you'd say it, the lift, is **out of order**. We'll have to take the stairs.
8. I know her **in particular**, but I haven't got a clue as to what her name is.
9. When we were children at school, we had to learn everything **by heart**.
10. Why don't we go out for dinner this evening **for a change/ for once**? I'm getting really fed up with my cooking!
11. After taking the stairs to the sixth floor, I was **out of breath**.
12. He is rather busy **at the moment**. I wonder if you could call back later?
13. You know ,that place that everyone has been talking about? We went there Saturday night and I have to say it is nothing **out of the ordinary**.
14. I'm sure it was an accident. I can't imagine anyone doing that **on purpose**.
15. Sorry, I've got to get going. I've an appointment in ten minutes. I'm **in a hurry** but I'll speak to you later when I get home.

All these phrases are adverbials. They say something about the action or the state expressed by the verb.

c) In the following exercise, we are going to practice making sentences with some other Preposition Collocations.

As a class, you can discuss the meanings of these expressions and then you will try to come up with your own sentences using these phrases.

According to	<i>According to the weather forecast, there is going to be a terrible storm tonight.</i>
As well as	I like hockey as well as(also) football. I play soccer as well as(the best I can) I can.
Because of	Because of(reason) the bad weather, we didn't go outside.
By way of	I passed the exam by way of(my method) studying.
In addition to	In addition to my speech at city hall, I gave a lecture at the university.
In case of	In case of an accident, you shouldn't carry that knife.
Instead of	I would like to go snowboarding instead of skiing.
In contrast to (or) with	In contrast to my father, my personality is much kinder.
In hopes of	In hopes of studying at a good university, the student took the IELTS exam.
In lieu of	In lieu of money, Craig gave an IOU for one dollar.
In pursuit of	In pursuit of money, he opened a hardware store.
In search of	
In spite of	
In the face of	
In terms of	

Exercise 3:

a) Match the adjectives on the left with appropriate nouns on the right.
Explain the meaning.

tight

attractive

appropriate

loose

plain

casual

extreme

ridiculous

smart

schedule schedule

dress dress dress

hair

yoghurt

arrangement arrangement

weather weather

jeans jeans jeans

words

clothes clothes

money

Conversation conversation conversation

decision

Budget budget

surfing

Attitude attitude

Work work conditions

Place place(scheduling an event)

woman

athlete

student

fact

Relationship relationship

remark

idea

Shirt shirt shirt

Language language

Choose any 10 collocations and write your own sentences with them.

b) Make collocations and complete the sentences with the appropriate one.

bury

in hands
in pillow
in work
under the ground / sand / leaves

mild

surprise
case (of illness/sickness)
flavour
voice
shampoo
criticism
irritation
weather

harsh

conditions
voice / laugh / tone
punishment
sunlight
criticism
winter / weather / climate

chilly

look
morning
greeting

miserable

weather / day / spring
income
failure
performance

average

age
height
intelligence
Canadian / Japanese/...

week / month / year
cost / price

pleasant

person
surprise
time
activity
place
climate / weather

I felt upset when he gave me a
After the divorce, she herself in her work.
His voice was soft and
He suffered a of food poisoning.
My friend wants to experience a Canadian winter.
The refugees were held in
A girl her face in the pillow.
Mosquito bites can make your life
I like this cheese with a pleasant
His voice was
It was to spend this day with you.
I felt a bit this morning.
It was a bit in the bathroom.
He has been so since he broke up with his girlfriend.
We've had two weeks of weather.
It has been a evening.
Wow! Kate! What a
She can hardly afford the car on her
He stood outside, blinking in the sunlight.