

Understanding Collocations

Definition	Types of Collocations	Why Use Collocations?														
<p>Collocations: Words that frequently occur together.</p> <p>Understanding and using collocations improves fluency and makes your language sound more natural.</p>	<table><tr><td>Adverb + Adjective</td><td>utterly ridiculous</td></tr><tr><td>Adjective + Noun</td><td>heavy rain</td></tr><tr><td>Noun + Noun</td><td>a bar of soap</td></tr><tr><td>Noun + Verb</td><td>lions roar</td></tr><tr><td>Verb + Noun</td><td>commit suicide</td></tr><tr><td>Verb + Expression with Preposition</td><td>burst into tears</td></tr><tr><td>Verb + Adverb</td><td>wave frantically</td></tr></table>	Adverb + Adjective	utterly ridiculous	Adjective + Noun	heavy rain	Noun + Noun	a bar of soap	Noun + Verb	lions roar	Verb + Noun	commit suicide	Verb + Expression with Preposition	burst into tears	Verb + Adverb	wave frantically	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Sound Natural: Using collocations makes your English sound more authentic.Enhance Clarity: They help you express ideas more precisely.Improve Writing: Collocations add sophistication to your writing.
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Common Collocations by Category

Time		Money		Weather	
Spend time	Spend time <i>wisely</i>	Make money	Make money <i>online</i>	Heavy rain	Heavy rain <i>is falling</i>
Kill time	Kill time <i>reading</i>	Save money	Save money <i>for future</i>	Strong wind	Strong wind <i>is blowing</i>
Make time	Make time <i>for hobbies</i>	Waste money	Waste money <i>on useless things</i>	Light snow	Light snow <i>is expected</i>
In the meantime	In the meantime, <i>we wait</i>	Invest money	Invest money <i>wisely</i>	Freezing cold	Freezing cold <i>weather</i>
Time flies	Time flies <i>so fast</i>	Earn money	Earn money <i>through hard work</i>	Scorching heat	Scorching heat <i>in the desert</i>

More Examples and Usage

Collocations with 'Take'		Collocations with 'Do'		Collocations with 'Get'	
Take a break	It's important to <i>take a break</i> during work.	Do homework	Remember to <i>do your homework</i> .	Get ready	<i>Get ready</i> for the party!
Take a chance	I decided to <i>take a chance</i> on the new job offer.	Do a favor	Can you <i>do me a favor</i> ?	Get started	Let's <i>get started</i> on the project.
Take responsibility	He needs to <i>take responsibility</i> for his actions.	Do your best	Just <i>do your best</i> .	Get together	We should <i>get together</i> soon.
Take care	<i>Take care</i> and see you soon!	Do business	They <i>do business</i> internationally.	Get in touch	<i>Get in touch</i> when you can.

Tips for Learning Collocations

Effective Strategies	Resources	Common Mistakes to Avoid
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Read Widely: Expose yourself to a variety of texts to see collocations in context.Note Collocations: When you encounter a new collocation, write it down with its context.Use a Dictionary: Consult a collocation dictionary to find common word pairings.Practice Regularly: Use collocations in your own writing and speaking.Real-life examples: Look for collocations in newspapers, movies, and conversations.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Collocation Dictionaries: Oxford Collocations Dictionary, Macmillan Collocations Dictionary.Online Resources: Websites and apps dedicated to learning collocations.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Literal Translation: Avoid translating word-for-word from your native language.Mixing Collocations: Be careful not to mix up similar collocations.Ignoring Context: Always consider the context when using collocations.