

COLLOCATIONS

Claim to, fun of, put forward, population growth, crucial to, runs in families, brain function, significant number, fact of life, distinct types, strictly speaking, considerable skill, the essentials of life, in harmony with, admit to + -ing, there's no getting away from, serve the purpose, regarded as, public performance, covered with, mistaken for, described as, respond to, known as,

have

have a bath
have a drink
have a good time
have a haircut
have a holiday
have a problem
have a relationship
have a rest
have lunch
have sympathy

do

do business
do nothing
do someone a favour
do the cooking
do the housework
do the shopping
do the washing up
do your best
do your hair
do your homework

make

make a difference
make a mess
make a mistake
make a noise
make an effort
make furniture
make money
make progress
make room
make trouble

take

take a break
take a chance
take a look
take a rest
take a seat
take a taxi
take an exam
take notes
take someone's place
take someone's temperature

break

break a habit
break a leg
break a promise
break a record
break a window
break someone's heart
break the ice
break the law
break the news to someone
break the rules

catch

catch a ball
catch a bus
catch a chill
catch a cold
catch a thief
catch fire
catch sight of
catch someone's attention
catch someone's eye
catch the flu

pay

pay a fine
pay attention
pay by credit card
pay cash
pay interest
pay someone a compliment
pay someone a visit
pay the bill
pay the price
pay your respects

save

save electricity
save energy
save money
save one's strength
save someone a seat
save someone's life
save something to a disk
save space
save time
save yourself the trouble

keep

keep a diary
keep a promise
keep a secret
keep an appointment
keep calm
keep control
keep in touch
keep quiet
keep someone's place
keep the change

come

come close
come complete with
come direct

go

go abroad
go astray
go bad

get

get a job
get a shock
get angry

come early	go bald	get divorced
come first	go bankrupt	get drunk
come into view	go blind	get frightened
come last	go crazy	get home
come late	go dark	get lost
come on time	go deaf	get married
come prepared	go fishing	get nowhere
come right back	go mad	get permission
come second	go missing	get pregnant
come to a compromise	go on foot	get ready
come to a decision	go online	get started
come to an agreement	go out of business	get the impression
come to an end	go overseas	get the message
come to a standstill	go quiet	get the sack
come to terms with	go sailing	get upset
come to a total of	go to war	get wet
come under attack	go yellow	get worried

Miscellaneous collocations

Time	Business English	Classifiers
bang on time	annual turnover	
dead on time	bear in mind	
early 12th century	break off negotiations	
free time	cease trading	a ball of string
from dawn till dusk	chair a meeting	
great deal of time	close a deal	a bar of chocolate
late 20th century	close a meeting	
make time for	come to the point	a bottle of water
next few days	dismiss an offer	
past few weeks	draw a conclusion	a bunch of carrots
right on time	draw your attention to	
run out of time	launch a new product	a cube of sugar
save time	lay off staff	
spare time	go bankrupt	a pack of cards
spend some time	go into partnership	
take your time	make a loss	a pad of paper
tell someone the time	make a profit	
time goes by	market forces	
time passes	sales figures	
waste time	take on staff	

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make dinner
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make a speech
make s.o do something
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have a coffee
have a rest / a sleep / a nap
have a chat
have a meeting
have a party
have s.t done
have an injection
have an operation
go cycling/swimming
go for a walk
go by car
go abroad
go to work/school
go home
go to bed
keep a promise
keep your cash in a safe
keep doing something...
keep kit
keep in touch
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COLLOCATIONS END

amazed by	She was amazed by the events.
amused by	The children were amused by the clown.
annoyed by	I can't help being annoyed by the traffic.
bewildered by	We are bewildered by their silence.
bored by	He was so bored by his father's jokes.
confused by	I am confused by so many rules.
disgusted by	The teachers were disgusted by the children's behavior.
embarrassed by	She was embarrassed by her brother's bad manners.
fascinated by	He was fascinated by her beautiful manners.
frustrated by	They are frustrated by so many delays.
irritated by	Are you irritated by the noise?

Common Collocations (Adjective + Preposition) – Part I

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Common Verb Collocations in English

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Common Preposition Collocations

admit to	He admitted to being late three times.
apologize to (a person)	She had to apologize to the whole family.
apply to (a place)	I am applying to the state university.
belong to	Do you belong to a club? Does this car belong to you?
compare to	Compare your schedule to mine.
complain to (a person)	Don't complain to me; complain to the boss.
contribute to	Your ideas contribute to the solution.
lend to	Will you lend some money to her?
listen to	She listens to the radio in the car.
look forward to	We look forward to seeing you in October.

Common Collocations (Verb + Preposition) =

Collocations with TAKE

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a nap

His three-year-old daughter takes a nap every afternoon.



notes

She often takes notes when she's in the lab.



a bath

He takes a bath every day.



one's time

We're not in a rush. Take your time.



a break

We've been working hard. Let's take a break and get some coffee.



a chance

Will you take a chance and marry me?



a picture

Will you please take our picture?



a taxi

Did you take a taxi to get to the airport?



Collocations starting with the verb 'do'

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Go fishing
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Go online
Go out of business
Go overseas
Go quiet
Go sailing
Go to war
Collocations with the verb 'come'
Come under attack
Come close
Come direct
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Go bankrupt

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Make a profit/loss

English collocations with the word BIG

The word big is often used in collocations with a happening or event, for example:

a big accomplishment

a big decision

a big disappointment

a big failure

a big improvement

a big mistake

a big surprise

English collocations with the word GREAT

The word great is often used in collocations with feelings or qualities.

Great + feelings

great admiration

great anger

great enjoyment

great excitement

great fun

great happiness

great joy

Great + qualities

in great detail

great power

great pride

great sensitivity

great skill

great strength

great understanding

great wisdom

great wealth

English collocations with the word LARGE

The word large is often used in collocations involving numbers and measurements.

a large amount

a large collection

a large number (of)

a large population

a large proportion

a large quantity

a large scale

English collocations with the word STRONG

The word strong is often used in collocations with facts and opinions:

Strong + facts/opinions

strong argument

strong emphasis

strong evidence

a strong contrast

a strong commitment

strong criticism

strong denial

a strong feeling

a strong opinion (about something)

strong resistance

Strong + senses

a strong smell

a strong taste

English collocations with the word DEEP

The word deep is used for some strong feelings:

deep depression

deep devotion

It is also used in these expressions:

in deep thought

in deep trouble

in a deep sleep (when the person won't wake up easily)

English collocations with the word HEAVY

Heavy is used for some weather conditions...

heavy rain

heavy snow

heavy fog

The word heavy is also used for people with bad habits:

a heavy drinker

a heavy smoker

a heavy drug user

There's also the expression "a heavy sleeper" – that's not someone who sleeps a lot; instead, it's a person who doesn't wake up easily when sleeping.

The word heavy is also used in collocations with two unpleasant things: TRAFFIC and TAXES!

heavy traffic

heavy taxes

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Collocation is a particular combination of words that co-occur more often than would be expected by chance. For example, we use Strong Tea instead of Powerful Tea. Collocation is very much important for the reading and listening sections of PTE Academic. Here is a practice of collocation. Please write your answer in the comments.

Clues: 1- 4: fact, threat, reality, theory

- 1 The authorities said the chemicals didn't pose a to life.
- 2 We have to take into account the of the situation.
- 3 I know that what you say is true in , but will it work in practice?
- 4 Sadly, it seems that crime is just a of life these days.

Clues: 5-8: distinct, precise, distinguished, isolated

- 5 Dr. Cho's team reports that they have successfully the gene that causes the disease.
- 6 English essayist Joseph Addison famously wrote, "Man is from all other creatures by the faculty of laughter."
- 7 He waswith his language, choosing his words carefully.
- 8 While there are two types of camels, both are quite

Clues: 9-12: saying, telling, talking, speaking

- 9 Mr. Harris is not an employee here, strictly , but we do hire him quite often on a freelance basis.
- 10 I keep them my answer is no!
- 11 Maria was she might go to UCLA next semester.
- 12 Our professor is quite strict and there's definitely no during his classes.

Addition Component I POS I Component II POS II

Addition

- 1 abstract adj concept n
- 2 academic adj achievement n
- 3 academic adj career n

4 (in) academic adj circles n
5 academic adj community n
6 academic adj debate n
7 academic adj discipline n
8 academic adj discourse n
9 academic adj institution n
10 academic adj journal n
11 academic adj life n
12 academic adj performance n
13 academic adj research n
14 academic adj skills n
15 academic adj study n
16 academic adj success n
17 academic adj work n
18 academic adj world n
19 academic adj writing n
20 academic adj year n
21 accept v responsibility n
22 acceptable adj behaviour n
23 accurate adj assessment n
24 accurate adj description n
25 accurate adj information n
26 accurate adj measurement n
27 accurate adj picture n
28 accurate adj record n
29 achieve (a) v goal n
30 achieve (an) v objective n
31 achieve (an) v outcome n
32 acquire v knowledge n
33 active adj involvement n
34 active adj participant n
35 active adj participation n
36 active adj role n
37 (be) actively adv involved vpp
38 acutely adv aware adj
39 add v information n
40 additional adj cost n
41 additional adj information n
42 additional adj problem n
43 additional adj resources n
44 additional adj support n
45 address (an) v issue n
46 administrative adj practices n
47 adopt (a) v procedure n
48 adopt (an) v approach n

- 49 advanced adj economy n
 50 advanced adj technology n
 51 adverse adj effect n
 52 adverse adj reaction n
 53 adversely adv affect v
 54 affect (the) v outcome n
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do the ironing/shopping/ washing, etc.	I'll do the washing if you do the ironing .
do some work	We'll do some work on our project and then we'll go to the cinema.

British English weather collocations

Hot

Searing heat
Boiling (hot)
Scorching (hot)
Baking (hot)



Cold

Bitterly (cold)
Freezing (cold)
Biting cold

Rain

Hard (rain)
Light (rain)
Heavy (rain)
Soft (rain)



Wind

Blowing (wind)
Blustery (wind)
Gusty (wind)

beautiful	weather
lovely	
excellent	
awful	
bad	
horrible	
enjoy the	
check the	

GROW

wheat
beard
5 centimetres
older
together

GIVE

advice
a party
information
a lift
love/best wishes

TELL

a lie
the truth
a story
prayers
a joke

LOSE

weight
money
the way
the match
consciousness

KEEP

a promise
the peace
the change
a secret
in touch

CARRY

passengers
the victory
cargo
baby
virus

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if you like it

a look

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win

a chance

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at 2 pm

a nap

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a rest

a seat

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will call you when she's ready

a taxi

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a taxi to work
every day

a test

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to take a test
in Biology class

a break

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Collocations with COME & GO

COME



in first
late
early
prepared
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to an end
on time
close
in last

bald

insane

missing

overseas

bankrupt

out of business

abroad

astray

crazy

bad

GO



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take a look	It is a nice apartment. <u>Take a look</u> and see if you like it.
take a nap	The baby <u>takes a nap</u> every day at 2pm.
take notes	Amy <u>takes</u> a lot of <u>notes</u> when the economics professor is talking.
take a test/quiz/exam	This Friday, I have to <u>take an exam</u> in Biology class.
take a picture	I <u>took</u> a lot of <u>pictures</u> at the party.
take someone's place	When I was sick, Carlos <u>took my place</u> at the conference.
take responsibility	Riley is a bully. He needs to <u>take responsibility</u> for his actions.
take a rest	After work, I like to <u>take a rest</u> before cooking dinner.
take a seat	<u>Take a seat</u> and the dentist will call you when she's ready.
take a taxi	Richard <u>takes a taxi</u> to work every day.
take your time	<u>Take your time</u> in the museum. We have the whole day to look around.
take someone's temperature	Maybe the baby is sick. I am going to <u>take her temperature</u> .

Collocations with TIME

a combination of words commonly used together



spend time

to pass time doing some activity

We spent time reading a book.

.....



waste time

to do something that isn't a good use of time

Every weekend, I waste time watching TV.

.....



make time

to find time in a busy schedule

I'm busy this week, but I'll make time for you.

.....



have time

to be available to do something

Do you have time to help me move this weekend?

.....



run out of time

to have no time left to continue or complete something

I'm not finished with the presentation, but I've run out of time!

Collocations with TIME: part 2

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just in time

when something happens just before it is too late

He arrived just in time for the meeting.

The meeting started at 8:00, and he arrived at 7:59.

pass the time

to spend time doing something

It rained on Saturday, so we passed the time watching a movie.



stall for time

to cause a delay intentionally

I knew Jody was running late. I tried to stall for time at the meeting, but it didn't work. They started without her.

take time off

to stop working temporarily

I worked a lot last month, so I'm taking time off this week.



Have collocations



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She went
through
a/an....

by Younes Hatami

painful

distressing

traumatic

harrowing

agonizing

excruciating

experience.

by Younes Hatami

VOCAB

COLLOCATIONS

TAKE

action
 advantage (of)
 advice
 a bath
 a bite
 a bow
 a break
 a bus/train/plane/taxi
 care (of)
 a chance
 charge (of)
 a class
 a decision
 an exam
 a look
 a nap
 note (of)
 notes
 a number
 an opportunity
 a picture
 responsibility (for)
 a rest
 a risk
 a seat
 a shower
 turns
 your time

HAVE

an appointment
 an argument
 a baby
 a bath
 a bite
 a cancellation
 a chance
 a class
 a conversation / a chat
 an exam
 an excuse
 fun
 a go
 a laugh
 a look
 a meal / a drink
 a nap
 an opportunity
 a plan
 a point
 a problem
 a rest
 a shower
 a suggestion
 time
 trouble
 a word (with)
 work

common mistakes:

take a drink / a meal

"I had a drink in a bar with a friend."

not:

"I took a drink in a bar with a friend."

Transition Words and Phrases

Agreement / Addition / Similarity

in the first place
not only ... but also
as a matter of fact
in like manner
in addition
coupled with
in the same fashion / way
first, second, third
in the light of
not to mention
to say nothing of
equally important
by the same token

again
to
and
also
then
equally
identically
uniquely
like
as
too

moreover
as well as
together with
of course
likewise
comparatively
correspondingly
similarly
furthermore
additionally

Conclusion / Summary / Restatement

as can be seen
generally speaking
in the final analysis
all things considered
as shown above
in the long run
given these points
as has been noted
in a word
for the most part

after all
in fact
in summary
in conclusion
in short
in brief
in essence
to summarize
on balance
altogether

overall
ordinarily
usually
by and large
to sum up
on the whole
in any event
in either case
all in all

Conjunctions

Subordinating	than rather than whether as much as whereas	Comparison	That what whatever which whichever	Rel.Pro.	after as long as as soon as before by the time now that	Time
	though although even though while	Concession	Who whoever whom whomever whose	Rel.Adj.	once since till until when	
	if only if unless until provided that assuming that even if in case (that) lest	Condition	where wherever	Place	whenever while	
			how as though as if	Manner	because since so that in order (that) why	Reason
Correlative	as ... as just as ... so both ... and hardly ... when scarcely ... when		either ... or neither ... nor if ... then not ... but		what with ... and whether ... or not only ... but also no sooner ... than rather ... than	
Coordinating	F For	A And	N Nor	B But	O Or	Y Yet
						S So

Verbs	Nouns
Rise (to)	a rise
Increase (to)	an increase
Go up to	
Grow (to)	growth
Climb (to)	a climb
Boom	a boom
Peak (at)	(reach) a peak (at)
Fall (to)	a fall (of)
Decline (to)	a decline (of)
Decrease (to)	a decrease (of)
Dip (to)	a dip (of)
Drop (to)	a drop (of)
Go down (to)	
Reduce (to)	a reduction (of)
	A slump
Level out	a leveling out
No Change	no change
Remain stable (at)	
Remain steady (at)	
Stay (at)	
Stay constant (at)	
Maintain the same level	

45 Ways to avoid using the word 'very'

Avoid saying very:	Rather say:	Avoid saying very:	Rather say:
afraid	terrified	neat	immaculate
angry	furious	old	ancient
bad	atrocious	poor	destitute
beautiful	exquisite	pretty	beautiful
big	immense	quiet	silent
bright	dazzling	risky	perilous
capable	accomplished	roomy	spacious
clean	spotless	rude	vulgar
clever	brilliant	serious	solemn
cold	freezing	small	tiny
conventional	conservative	strong	unyielding
dirty	squalid	stupid	idiotic
dry	parched	tasty	delicious
eager	keen	thin	gaunt
fast	quick	tired	exhausted
fierce	ferocious	ugly	hideous
good	superb	valuable	precious
happy	jubilant	weak	feeble
hot	scalding	wet	soaked
hungry	ravenous	wicked	villainous
large	colossal	wise	sagacious
lively	vivacious	worried	anxious
loved	adored		

Business Phrasal Verbs

DRUM UP

to try to increase interest in
(or support for) something

He's trying to drum up
interest in his
company's new
product.

BAIL OUT

to help a person or
business in difficulty,
especially financially

The company had
several debts, so the
bank bailed out the
company.

What's a
phrasal verb?

A phrasal verb is made
up of a verb plus a
preposition or an adverb
(or both)

FALL THROUGH

to be unsuccessful;
to fail to happen

The sale of the
company fell through.

CLOSE DOWN

to close something
permanently so that it stops
doing business

The store was losing
money, so we closed
it down.

CASH IN ON

to benefit or make money
from an event or situation,
often in an unfair way

The company is
cashing in on the
competition's error.

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