



Practice Sheet

We need to break down _____ and create more opportunity for entrepreneurs.

a. obstacles

b. barriers

c. hindrances

d. Difficulties

Our CEO and company president got into a(n) _____ debate yesterday. They were at each other's throats.

- a. angry**
- b. strong**
- c. heated**
- d. harsh**

Rearrange the words in a sentence, following the rules of collocation:

- 1. You can go/ enjoy the skiing/ by day and sunset/ on the beach /by night.**
- 2. We are to make/ a supply of raw /a contract for/silk with the company.**
- 3. The fall in /connected /retail sales is directly/with the decline/ in employment.**
- 4. “You and me,/ to break /today we’re going/ a record, ” he said.**
- 5. Professor/ to Leonardo/Samson attributes /this painting**

**Collocations can be divided into several types such as _____
collocations.**

a. verb + noun

b. subject + object

c. first + second

**To work in customer service, you need to be able to keep a _____ head.
You can't get upset every time someone yells at you.**

- a. calm**
- b. cool**
- c. composed**
- d. Solid**

Many of my coworkers are _____ golfers.

- a. frequent**
- b. spirited**
- c. avid**
- d. Devoted**

Which word collocates with all the words given?

- **1. Fried, poached, fresh, raw, frozen, grilled, smoked __fish__**
- **2. Summer, warm, winter, tatty, shabby, trendy, second-hand_____**
- **3. Massive, huge, crowded, packed, outdoor, indoor, sports_____**
- **4. Dangerous, desperate, common, born, hardened, master_____**
- **5. base, retention, satisfaction, attrition, relations, service, support_____**

The new purchasing manager looks _____ familiar.

- a. vaguely**
- b. mildly**
- c. marginally**
- d. lightly**

Which word collocates with all the words given?

- 6. plan, lunch, trip, partner, investment, acumen_____
- 7. increase, controls, war, tag, range_____
- 8. payer, law, measures, reform, cuts, credit, exemption_____
- 9. coverage, premium, claim, broker, agent_____
- 10. exchange, market, index, options_____

What technological _____ do you expect to see in the next decade?

a. enhancements

b. improvements

c. advances

d. upgrades

Several schools and government offices were closed due to the _____ weather.

- a. rugged**
- b. violent**
- c. inclement**
- d. vicious**

We can't afford to hire someone we need to train. We need someone who can step in and have a(n) _____ impact.

- a. urgent**
- b. instant**
- c. immediate**
- d. prompt**

Today the fire alarm _____ and we had to evacuate the building.

- a. engaged**
- b. activated**
- c. went off**
- d. went on**

I didn't like the house I looked at today. It was rather cramped and there was a _____ smell in the basement.

- a. powerful**
- b. strong**
- c. heavy**
- d. harsh**

Collocations

- go astray - become lost
- round of applause- a show of appreciation
- take an exam - write an exam
- keep in touch - stay in contact with someone
- richly decorated - Beautifully decorated
- burst into tears - to cry
- run out of time - to have no time left

Collocations

- save a seat- reserve a seat
- come to a decision making - a final decision about something
- a quick meal - a meal that does not require much time to get prepared
- Take time - make time for something
- Take charge- become responsible
- get over something – to forget