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# 10 Collocations Bank

## Government

### Crime

1. a deterrent effect
2. escape punishment
3. think twice
4. prevent crime
5. curb crime
6. combat crime
7. commit a crime
8. break laws
9. violate laws
10. catch criminals
11. an escaping criminal
12. armed police
13. carry weapons

### Gender Discrimination

1. gender discrimination
2. discrimination on the grounds of sex
3. gender bias
4. gender equality
5. the equal access to education
6. gender differences
7. gender gap narrows
8. managerial skills
9. business leaders
10. members of the board
11. shatter the glass ceiling

### Women in Working Place

1. male-dominated industries
2. clerical work
3. juggle different roles
4. balance work and family commitments
5. domestic responsibilities
6. domestic work
7. child-rearing duties
8. raise children
9. high-paying industries
10. advance one’s career
11. a fulfilling career
12. career success

### Older People

1. older people
2. the elderly
3. senior citizens
4. the older generation
5. out of touch with the world
6. resistant to change
7. old-fashioned ideas
8. fit into the modern world
9. adopt advanced technology
10. sensible advice
11. life experience
12. take risks
13. make a rash decision

### Reduce Poverty

1. from less well-off backgrounds
2. disadvantaged students
3. children from poor homes
4. exempted from tuition fees
5. drop out of school
6. educational equality
7. study at university
8. free-interest loans
9. financial support
10. break the cycle of poverty
11. bridge the gap between rich and poor
12. close the economic divide

### Film

1. the film industry
2. top-grossing films
3. go to the cinema
4. big-budget films
5. special effects
6. star famous actors
7. the box office
8. talented filmmaker
9. produce high-quality films
10. domestically produced films
11. locally produced films

### Museum

1. art museums
2. war museums
3. exhibit artefacts
4. organize an exhibition
5. a connection to the past
6. cultural heritage
7. enrich cultural lives
8. admission fees
9. open to the public
10. free admission
11. free entry

### Medical Services

1. easier access to medical services
2. public hospitals
3. medical equipment
4. clinical experience
5. receive medical treatment
6. contract an illness
7. high medical expenses
8. a long waiting list
9. medical research
10. improve our health
11. in the pharmacy industry
12. invent new drugs
13. cure diseases
14. previously incurable diseases

## Technology

### Technology

1. technological advances
2. state-funded scientific research
3. scientific institutions
4. medical advances
5. technological innovations
6. technological change
7. advanced technology
8. new technology
9. state-of-the-art technology
10. cutting-edge technology
11. technological breakthroughs
12. the hi-tech industry

### Internet

1. web-based technology
2. work from home
3. teleworking/telecommunicating/work at home
4. shop online
5. attend online courses
6. travel to work
7. travel a long distance to work
8. save time
9. face-to-face communication
10. attend meetings
11. avoid rush-hour traffic
12. in a formal setting

### Computer

1. computer games
2. educational games
3. computer skills
4. computer literacy
5. connect to the Internet
6. download software
7. use online communication tools
8. store information
9. process documents
10. edit photos
11. produce videos

### Photo

1. take photos
2. take pictures
3. take a selfie
4. a photo album
5. portable device
6. capture special moments
7. relive experiences
8. upload photos
9. social networking websites
10. digital camera
11. edit images
12. brighten colors
13. make slow motion movies

### Communication

1. face to face communication
2. communication skill
3. human interaction
4. interpret message
5. facial expression
6. body language
7. avoid misunderstanding
8. a sign of respect
9. listen to others
10. a good listener
11. a good communicator
12. form strong relationships

### Family

1. family life
2. spend quality time
3. achieve a work-life balance
4. family commitments
5. family dinners
6. family ties
7. family activities
8. a loving family
9. feel lonely
10. a sense of loneliness
11. a sense of isolation
12. emotional support

### Food Technology

1. increase yields
2. food production
3. grow crops
4. cultivate crops
5. a good harvest
6. chemical fertilizers
7. apply pesticides
8. pest disease
9. good prices
10. GM food
11. genetic engineering
12. high-yield crops
13. resistant to pests

### Mechanization

1. improve productivity
2. improve efficiency
3. do repetitive tasks
4. replace human labor
5. reduce the workforce
6. mechanize tasks
7. mechanized assembly lines
8. mechanized farming
9. automate the process
10. done by hand
11. computerize the service
12. industrial robots

### Job Creation

1. lose jobs
2. out of work
3. the jobless rate
4. reduce unemployment
5. create jobs
6. provide job opportunities
7. make a living
8. earn salaries
9. earn money
10. feed family
11. live comfortably

### Space Technology

1. space missions
2. space explorations
3. space science
4. advance knowledge
5. habitable planets
6. population explosion
7. provide shelter
8. sustain our civilization
9. used commercially
10. protective clothes
11. in the hostile environment
12. on the ground
13. travel in outer space

## Urbanization

### Urbanization

1. relocate to cities
2. employment opportunities
3. keep pace with the demand
4. reduce the quality of life
5. afford home ownership
6. a growing population
7. population expansion
8. put pressure on
9. public transportation service
10. transport costs
11. low-income people

### Traffic Congestion

1. reduce traffic congestion
2. cope with traffic jams
3. rush-hour traffic
4. cycle to work
5. within walking distance
6. driving test
7. driving license
8. curb private car use
9. car ownership
10. fuel tax
11. congestion tax
12. broaden roads

### Trees

1. plant trees
2. cut down trees
3. tree-lined avenues
4. lined with tree
5. a view of nature
6. feel close to nature
7. provide the shade
8. provide shelter
9. absorb dust
10. ever-green trees

### Housing

1. housing shortage
2. urban planning
3. densely populated cities
4. redevelop run-down urban areas
5. make room for
6. residential buildings
7. the housing market
8. provincial towns
9. state housing
10. pay a mortgage
11. housing developers
12. high-rise buildings
13. accommodate people
14. low-density neighborhoods
15. land-scarce cities
16. meet the growing demand for housing

## Culture and Value

### Happiness

1. achieve happiness
2. experience happiness
3. find enjoyment
4. find joy
5. cover basic needs
6. improve living standards
7. a higher standard of living
8. live comfortably
9. feel stressed out
10. non-financial factors
11. family life
12. social life
13. feel lonely

### Selfish People

1. give a helping hand
2. with a heart of gold
3. show compassion
4. responsive to emotional needs
5. behave selfishly
6. driven by self-interest
7. motivated by greed
8. cheat in exams
9. gain an unfair advantage over
10. make easy money

### Stress

1. economic pressure
2. financial difficulties
3. combine work and family commitments
4. work commitments
5. a tight schedule
6. find time
7. put a severe strain on
8. reduce stress
9. cope with stress
10. a source of stress
11. feel stressed
12. feel relaxed

### Social Life

1. cultural activities
2. do social activities
3. social life
4. mix with others
5. socialize with neighbors
6. cut stress
7. release stress
8. tasks at hand
9. forget about work
10. reduce anxiety
11. joint the choir
12. a pleasurable experience

### Shopping

1. a strong appetite
2. a growing demand
3. consumer goods
4. electrical equipment
5. household appliances
6. shop online
7. online stores
8. online retailers
9. in the comfort of their homes
10. on high streets
11. shopping malls
12. shopping streets
13. by … on impulse…
14. steep discount

### Celebrities

1. self-made celebrities
2. start from scratch
3. lead a life of luxury
4. live a frugal life
5. designer clothes
6. drive prestigious cars
7. extravagant parties
8. set a bad example
9. pursue material goods
10. admire celebrities
11. pop singers
12. famous entertainers
13. movie starts
14. achieve fame

## Life Style

### Sport

1. play sport
2. gentle physical exercise
3. moderate intensity activities
4. mild exercise
5. go for a jog
6. take a brisk walk
7. go for a swim
8. burn calories
9. increase blood circulation
10. build strength
11. keep a good body shape
12. improve health
13. lead an inactive life
14. suffer injuries
15. extreme sports
16. professional trainers

### Health

1. stay healthy
2. a sedentary lifestyle
3. endanger health
4. harmful to health
5. concentrate on work
6. suffer from heart diseases
7. improve physical health
8. sick leave
9. prone to health problem
10. see doctors

### Food

1. cook a meal
2. cooking skills
3. life skill
4. prepare meals
5. fruit and vegetables
6. a healthy diet
7. a balanced diet
8. eat fatty food
9. fast food
10. fish and chips
11. fizzy drinks
12. high in salt and sugar
13. fresh ingredients
14. combat obesity

## Job

### Job Satisfaction

1. well-motivated employees
2. a good motivator
3. improve motivation
4. a sense of progress
5. live a comfortable life
6. raise a family
7. pay rise
8. a sense of belonging
9. a good working environment
10. obtain job satisfaction
11. inspire loyalty
12. achieve ambition

### Living Standards

1. steady jobs
2. steady income
3. a well-paid job
4. cover living expenses
5. live comfortably
6. afford tuition fees
7. pay bills
8. pay off the mortgage
9. lead a happy life
10. financial difficulties

### Teleworking

1. work from home
2. work at home
3. paperless office
4. travel to and from work
5. show discipline
6. stay self-motivated
7. show initiative
8. enter the workforce
9. combine work and raising a family
10. flexible work hours
11. work commitments
12. sacrifice family life

## Environment

### Energy Consumption

1. alternative energy sources
2. clean energy
3. renewable resources
4. energy conservation
5. energy consumption
6. generate electricity
7. natural light
8. sustainable materials
9. electric cars
10. hybrid cars
11. car giants
12. traditional fossil fuels

### Water

1. fresh water
2. tap water
3. a threat to public health
4. water pollution
5. contaminate water
6. underground water
7. boil water
8. a clean water supply
9. poor sanitation
10. bottled water
11. water consumption

### Waste

1. consumer goods
2. household goods
3. consumer products
4. end up in landfill sites
5. contaminate the environment
6. household waste
7. industrial waste
8. household rubbish
9. drop litter
10. dump waste
11. incinerate waste
12. dispose of waste
13. enter the food chain
14. hazardous waste

### Wildlife Preservation

1. human activities
2. the loss of biodiversity
3. improve biodiversity
4. endangered species
5. rare animals
6. cause damage to the environment
7. intensive farming
8. toxic chemicals
9. habitat destruction
10. face a high risk of extinction
11. on the verge of extinction

### Zoo

1. animal in captivity
2. locked in cages
3. lose freedom
4. freedom is restricted
5. natural behavior
6. hunting instincts
7. fierce animals
8. reintroduce species
9. in the wild
10. human-caused disturbances
11. manmade environment
12. artificial environment

### Animal Testing

1. animal tests
2. animal experiments
3. conduct experiments
4. animal welfare groups
5. develop a new drug
6. show promising results
7. side effect
8. exposed to abuse
9. medical tests
10. alternative methods research
11. medical products
12. skincare products

## Media

### News

1. news reports
2. news outlets
3. news organizations
4. news media
5. professional reports
6. gather first-hand information
7. broadcast news
8. a reliable source of information
9. increase ratings
10. expand the readership
11. sensationalize crimes
12. cover up political scandals
13. mislead the public

### Online News

1. read news online
2. read news stories
3. check online news
4. have free time
5. keep up to date with what is happening
6. watch videos online
7. have faster access to news in real time
8. the live coverage of
9. the delivery of visual information
10. TV news
11. news programs

### Consumer Society

1. consumer societies
2. buy more than they need
3. spend more than they earn
4. excess shopping
5. the latest gadgets
6. get into debt
7. pay off debts
8. financial problems
9. low-income families
10. economic pressure

## Globalization

### Tourism

1. create revenues
2. attract tourists
3. tourist attractions
4. tourist destinations
5. the tourist sectors
6. go sightseeing
7. a driver of economic growth
8. an important part of the economy
9. a source of income
10. create jobs
11. create employment
12. charge admission fees

### Study Abroad

1. go overseas
2. study abroad
3. in a globalized world
4. from diverse background
5. master another language
6. pick up a foreign language
7. fluent in the first language
8. immerse themselves in a foreign language
9. language skills
10. multinational enterprises
11. prestigious universities
12. expand horizons
13. have a broader view of life
14. experience the world

### Charity

1. charity organization
2. raise fund
3. mobilize resources
4. international aid
5. medical aid
6. needy people
7. people in need
8. basic necessities
9. live in poverty
10. get rid of poverty
11. impoverished countries
12. Third World countries

### Air Travel

1. travel by air
2. air travel
3. air transport
4. transport … by air
5. make non-essential trips
6. price war
7. in the airline industry
8. air fares
9. travel expenses
10. on holiday
11. tourist attractions
12. a source of pollution
13. greenhouse gases
14. build up in the atmosphere
15. trap heat from the sun
16. extreme weather conditions
17. unusually warm conditions

### Music

1. folk songs
2. pop songs
3. rock music
4. classical music
5. hit songs
6. pop stars
7. music lover
8. musical instruments
9. integrate musical styles
10. cultural differences
11. differ from culture to culture
12. western countries

### Language

1. international language
2. global language
3. less spoken language
4. minority language
5. endangered language
6. mother tongue
7. a means of communication
8. cultural identity
9. preserve traditions
10. preserve language diversity
11. protect languages
12. cultural diversity
13. celebrate festivals
14. traditional food

## Education

### Behavioral problems

1. good role models
2. first educator
3. copy behavior
4. domestic violence
5. behave badly
6. poor behavior
7. behavioral problem
8. show aggression
9. show good manners
10. social norms
11. show respect to
12. speak in a friendly manner

### Teachers and Schools

1. teach courses
2. teach subjects
3. the school system/the education system
4. receive a well-rounded education
5. start school
6. school curriculum
7. core subjects
8. attend university
9. enter university
10. lively and simulating
11. engage children
12. class activities
13. attend school
14. curriculum content
15. learning outcomes

### Practical work

1. do practical work
2. hands-on experience
3. prepare for working lives
4. practical experience
5. work placements
6. pursue a career
7. well-suited to a job
8. improve practical skills
9. do part-time job
10. adapt to the workspace
11. graduate from university
12. finish high school
13. leave school
14. take a gap year

### University Subjects

1. offer employment possibilities
2. complete degree courses
3. an investment of money and time
4. take subject courses
5. fill knowledge gap
6. pursue a career
7. vocational courses
8. academic courses
9. areas of knowledge
10. preferred area of study
11. match interests
12. passionate about
13. study enthusiasm
14. develop talents
15. career success

# Perspectives

## Culture

### Architecture

1. historic buildings
2. historic site
3. heritage building
4. cultural attraction
5. cultural site
6. architectural landmark
7. architectural treasure
8. worth a visit
9. make a trip
10. a memorable experience
11. in ancient times
12. search the web for information

### Reduce Poverty

1. reduce poverty
2. break the cycle of poverty
3. needy people
4. those from less well-off backgrounds
5. afford tuition fees
6. charitable organization
7. maintain a basic standard of living
8. die needlessly
9. people with disabilities
10. suffer from poor health
11. afford basic necessities
12. receive vocational training
13. improve job skills

## Health

### Work Overtime

1. work unsocial hours
2. work overtime
3. work long hours
4. high-stress jobs
5. lack of jobs
6. sleep deprivation
7. suffer from insomnia
8. do exercise
9. physical activity
10. in poor health
11. health problems

### Life Style

1. lead a hectic life
2. live a healthy life
3. live an active life
4. live an inactive life
5. exercise regularly
6. play sport
7. do sport
8. indoor activities
9. access to exercise equipment
10. green space
11. make way for modern buildings

### Green Space

1. public gardens
2. do outdoor activities
3. go for a jog
4. feel relaxed
5. reduce stress
6. keep fit
7. flowering plants
8. evergreen trees
9. beautiful landscape
10. enjoy the scenery
11. take in the scenery
12. admire the scenery
13. stunning scenery

### Government Intervention

1. government intervention
2. government action
3. launch awareness campaigns
4. introduce laws
5. make laws
6. tighten regulations on
7. impose a tobacco tax
8. curb smoking
9. stay healthy
10. prevention is more important then the cure
11. fall ill

## Economy

### Job Seeking

1. labor market
2. intensely competitive
3. intense competition
4. improve job security
5. find work
6. lose jobs
7. steady income
8. increase earnings
9. cover living expenses
10. undergo training
11. complete a degree
12. meet requirements

### Business

1. competitive advantage
2. intense competition
3. satisfy the needs
4. serve a niche market
5. stand out from the crowd
6. set up a company
7. run a successful business
8. running cost
9. make profits
10. make ends meet
11. go bankrupt
12. go bust

## Society

### Telecommunications

1. telecommunications technology
2. use a mobile phone
3. mobile devices
4. text messaging
5. instant messaging
6. via email
7. on the phone
8. on the computer
9. fax machines
10. online services
11. the access to Internet services
12. travel via air
13. maintain a lifelong relationship
14. forge a strong relationship
15. stay in touch with

### Community

1. charity work
2. charity groups
3. community cohesion
4. give a helping hand
5. needy people
6. experience difficult times
7. gain support
8. members of community
9. part of community
10. bridge people together
11. a sense of community
12. musical shows
13. raise funds

### Social Activities

1. keep fit
2. lead a healthy life
3. social activity
4. gather together
5. make new friends
6. go out for a meal
7. eat out
8. have a coffee
9. talking points
10. sports fans
11. watch soccer games
12. live events

### Friends

1. circle of friends
2. make good friends
3. build up a network of contact
4. form a good relationship
5. develop a lifelong friendship
6. a lasting friendship
7. peer pressure
8. hang out with friends
9. socialize with neighbors
10. close friends

### Materialistic world

1. material possessions
2. live in a materialistic world
3. up-to-date equipment
4. hi-tech products
5. purchase the advanced model
6. status symbol
7. the middle class
8. buy more than they need
9. in a consumer culture
10. improve self-esteem
11. find contentment
12. behind the times
13. out of touch with the world

## Technology

### Transportation

1. drive cars
2. travel by car
3. travel by air
4. travel by tube
5. private car us
6. means/modes of travel
7. ways to go around
8. use public transportation
9. get to and from work
10. daily commuter
11. travel a long distance
12. suburban commuter
13. travel to the central office

## Law

### Laws

1. commit crimes
2. make fast money
3. break the law
4. violate laws
5. obey laws
6. comply with laws
7. face any punishment
8. a prison sentence
9. severe consequence
10. youth crimes
11. juvenile delinquency
12. young offenders
13. petty crimes
14. serious crimes

#### Social Norms

1. conform to social norms
2. follow social rules
3. show good manners
4. show respect to others
5. complete work on time
6. arrive punctually
7. handle enquires politely
8. late for work
9. good work ethic
10. build good working relationships
11. a sense of responsibility

## Environment

### Environment protection

1. go green
2. environmentally friendly
3. environmental protection
4. environmental benefits
5. live a sustainable life
6. environmental impacts
7. launch massive campaigns
8. environmental awareness
9. educate the public about
10. impose heavy fines
11. recycle waste
12. rubbish bins
13. household waste/rubbish
14. energy conservation

### Car Emissions

1. curb car use
2. car emissions
3. create exhaust fumes
4. dangerous to our health
5. cause air pollution
6. tackle pollution
7. suffer from poor health
8. poor air quality
9. mitigate problems
10. a bad harvest in agriculture
11. increase the health cost
12. global warming
13. climate change

### Environment

1. environmental problems
2. environmental issues
3. environmental destruction
4. cause damage to environment
5. drop litter
6. awash with rubbish
7. clear forest
8. destroy wetlands
9. damage the beautiful landscape

## Qualities

1. the education system
2. the school system
3. higher education
4. receive a university education
5. receive training
6. moral principles
7. a sense of responsibility
8. instill virtues into
9. productive members of society
10. build character
11. develop qualities
12. in difficult situations
13. show determination to win
14. show perseverance

## Discipline

1. do some activities
2. develop positive habits
3. from an early age
4. improve literacy
5. start school
6. maintain discipline
7. parenting styles
8. behavioral problems
9. impose sanctions on
10. impart a clear code of conduct
11. act as acceptable members of society
12. good manners

## Rules

1. obey rules
2. comply with rules
3. break/violate rules
4. establish/set rules
5. ground rules
6. follow golden rules
7. break school rules
8. violate norms
9. adhere to cultural norms
10. show good behavior
11. develop positive habits
12. company regulations

## Celebrities

1. the younger generation
2. famous sportspeople
3. sports stars
4. inspire the next generation
5. develop skills
6. develop talents
7. become world famous
8. emulate idols
9. role models
10. a good influence
11. demonstrate determination
12. encounter difficulties
13. achieve success

## Creativity

1. attend courses
2. improve job skills
3. apply skills to work
4. increase productivity
5. come up with creative ideas
6. tackle problems creatively
7. unconventional measures
8. achieve creative potential
9. use imagination
10. have a good grasp of advanced technology
11. foster innovation
12. stifle creativity
13. make profits

## Knowledge

1. read books
2. read articles online
3. knowledge-based economy
4. acquire knowledge
5. increase knowledge
6. a vital source of knowledge
7. digital books
8. broaden horizons
9. broaden minds
10. keep up to date with what is happening
11. keep well-informed about

## Skills

1. educational games
2. outdoor games
3. set rules
4. express ideas
5. good listening skills
6. improve soft skills
7. communication skills
8. interpersonal skills
9. leadership skills
10. physical skills
11. life skills
12. basic skills
13. younger players

## Teamwork

1. work collaboratively
2. work closely with
3. raising money for charity
4. collaborative teamwork
5. shorten time
6. divide the effort
7. complete a project
8. embark on team project
9. uncover benefits
10. make decisions as a group

## Teamwork

1. research skills
2. academic skills
3. analytical skills
4. problem-solving skills
5. search the web for information
6. gather information
7. do research
8. leadership skills
9. computer literacy
10. critical thinking skills
11. practical skills
12. organizational skills

## Talent

1. specialize in a subject
2. study a subject
3. career prospects
4. well-paid jobs
5. career opportunities
6. develop a talent
7. bright students
8. academically gifted
9. a natural talent in
10. mathematical talents
11. do calculations
12. build expertise
13. put … in an advantageous position
14. a tedious job

## Motivated students

1. traditional classroom
2. study independently
3. provide instruction
4. on a one-to-one basis
5. build confidence
6. maintain enthusiasm for studies
7. develop a serious interest in
8. keep students interested
9. stay self-motivated
10. a negative attitude towards schooling
11. lack self-discipline
12. get distracted

## Exams

1. devote time
2. prepare for exams
3. revise for exams
4. exam factories
5. exam grades/exam results
6. workload increase
7. do homework
8. learn facts by heart
9. rote learning
10. find enjoyment
11. extra-curricular activities
12. pursue a hobby
13. combine work with pleasure