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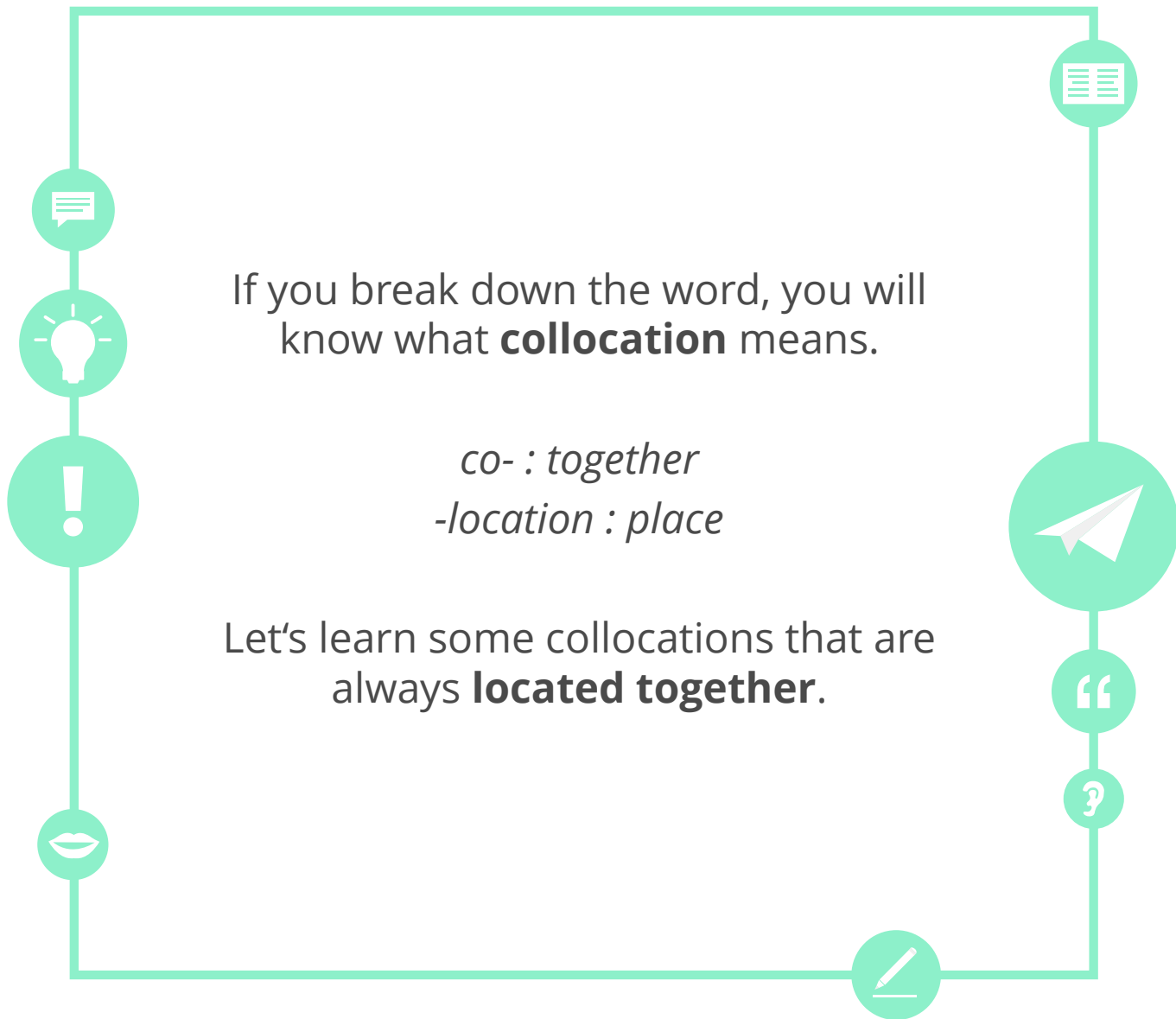


## Goals

- Can recall common verb-noun collocations.
- Can accurately use common verb-noun collocations in a range of straightforward sentences.



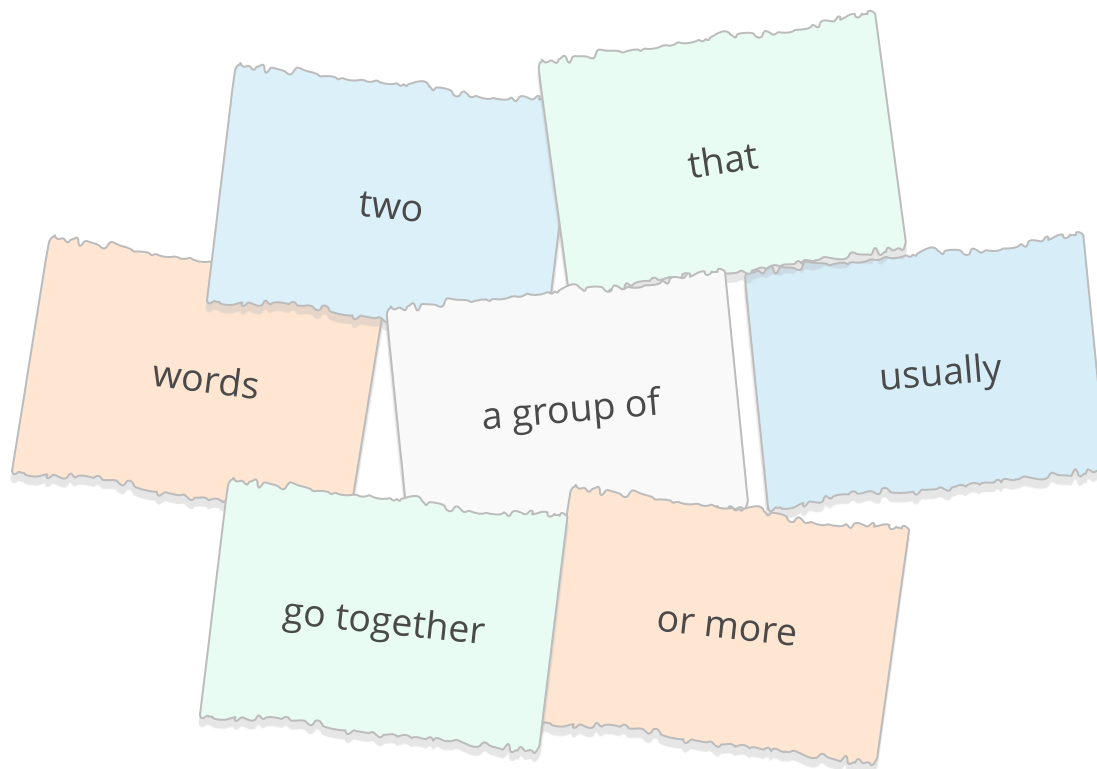
**words**





## What is collocation?

Unscramble the words to find out the definition of collocation.





## Review: do you know any collocations?

List them here and think about how they are used in different situations.





## Write at least three verbs that go with each noun

1. Opinion

→ Ask, have, give, talk about

2. A party

→ \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

3. Research

→ \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

4. An exam

→ \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

5. An email

→ \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



## Preview

- In this lesson, you will learn about verb-noun collocations and how to use them.



If you want to sound natural to a native speaker, try using **collocations** in your sentences.



## Why learn collocations?

**A collocation is two or more words that often go together.  
Here are three reasons why you should learn collocations.  
Can you think of any other reasons why?**



1

It is easier for your brain to remember and use language in chunks or blocks.

2

The language will be more natural and more easily understood.

3

You will have alternative and richer ways of expressing yourself.





## Verb-noun collocation: have

- There are many types of collocations, but we will focus **on verb noun collocations**.

We use <i>have</i> with	Specific nouns
Food and drink	A meal, breakfast, a snack, a cup of tea, etc.
Talking	A conversation, a discussion, an appointment, etc.
Daily life	A bath, a shower, a break, etc.
Disagreeing	An argument, a fight, a debate, etc.
Others	A cold, a headache, a party, plans, etc.



## Verb-noun collocation: take

- Collocations might not be expected from the meaning.
- The important part of the meaning is taken **out** of the **verb** and put **into** the **noun**.

We use <i>take</i> with	Specific nouns
Resting	A break, a holiday, a rest, etc.
Transportation	A bus, a train, a subway, etc.
Actions	A walk, a look, notes, a photo, etc.
Others	Care of something or somebody, a phone call, an interest in, etc.



## Verb-noun collocation: give

- **Native speakers** use **collocations** all the time.
- **Using collocations** improves your **fluency**.

We use <i>give</i> with	Specific nouns
Facial expressions	A smile, a look, a glance, etc.
Talking	An answer, some information, your opinion, a lecture, a warning, etc.
Providing	Someone a choice, advice to someone, etc.
Actions	A kiss, a kick, a hug, etc.



## Verb-noun collocation: make

- Collocations habitually appear **together** and convey meaning by **association**.

We use <i>make</i> with	Specific nouns
Talking	A comment, a noise, a promise, a suggestion, etc.
Plans	Arrangements, an appointment, etc.
Others	The bed, sense, fun of somebody, time for somebody, coffee, a decision, friends, money, etc.



Come up with a collocation for each of these verbs

have

take

give

make



## Match the nouns with the correct verbs

1. have

a. notes

2. take

b. a break

3. have

c. care of somebody

4. make

d. your opinion

5. take

e. a stomach ache

6. give

f. fun of somebody

7. have

g. a cold

8. take

h. a shower

9. give

i. someone a hug





## Describe the picture using collocations

A



B



C



D





## Fill in the blanks

**Read the diary entry of a student and write the correct verbs in the blanks. Each verb can be used more than once.**

have

take

give

make

I have a dog and her name is Tofu. I (1)\_\_\_\_\_ her that name because she is white and fluffy. I usually (2)\_\_\_\_\_ a walk with her along the river in the morning. This morning, I found a small park where a yoga instructor (3)\_\_\_\_\_ free lessons twice a week. We (4)\_\_\_\_\_ a short conversation and she (5)\_\_\_\_\_ me a chance to join them. I didn't forget to (6)\_\_\_\_\_ a photo of the exact location so that I don't get lost. I (7)\_\_\_\_\_ low-fat yogurt with berries for breakfast and also (8)\_\_\_\_\_ strong coffee to get ready for work. I (9)\_\_\_\_\_ a really important meeting in the office because my partner (10)\_\_\_\_\_ a stupid decision on the project a couple of days ago. I hope everything turns out okay.







## Verb-noun collocations in daily context

- The table below shows the verb-noun collocations in a daily context.
- Can you think of any others?

Salutations	Chores	Activities	Routine
take care	do the dishes	do exercise	make the bed
do your best	do the shopping	make a list	have a shower/bath
have fun	do the housework	have a conversation	have a meal
	do the laundry	play an instrument	make dinner
	do/run errands	make a phone call	have a nap



## Your daily routine

Talk about what your day is usually like using verb-noun collocations.



7:00 AM

9:00 AM

12:30 PM

2:00 PM

5:00 PM

6:30 PM

8:00 PM

10:30 PM

12:00 AM



## Notice the difference

- There is a difference in some verb-noun collocations.
- Can you see and explain what the difference is?

***To make a meal*** (breakfast/lunch/dinner) vs ***to have a meal*** (breakfast/lunch/dinner)

- I don't want ***to make dinner***. Let's go to a restaurant.
- I want ***to have dinner*** outside. Let's go to a restaurant.

***To watch a show*** vs ***to have a show***

- Let's ***watch a show*** tonight. It's Comedy Friday.
- Sorry, I ***have a show*** tonight. I need to work.



## Explain the difference

**Compare the two sentences and explain how they are different.**

1. I will give my dog a bath.

1. I will have a bath after work.

2. Can you give an opinion on this topic?

2. Do you have an opinion on this topic?

3. I have an appointment tomorrow.

3. I have to make an appointment for tomorrow.

4. You can make a call on your computer.

4. You can take a call on your computer.



## Complete the sentences using verb-noun collocations

1. Since I made dinner tonight, you have to...



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2. It's my only day off this month, so I will...



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3. Before going grocery shopping, it is better to...



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4. Ben and Julia are getting married soon, so let's...



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5. Even though the exam will cover 12 chapters, I hope you...



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## What shows do you watch?

- Below are some more collocations to talk about your favourite shows.



I subscribed to an online video streaming service to **watch shows and films**.

I prefer **going to the cinema** because of the wider screen.



What **is on at the cinema** tonight?

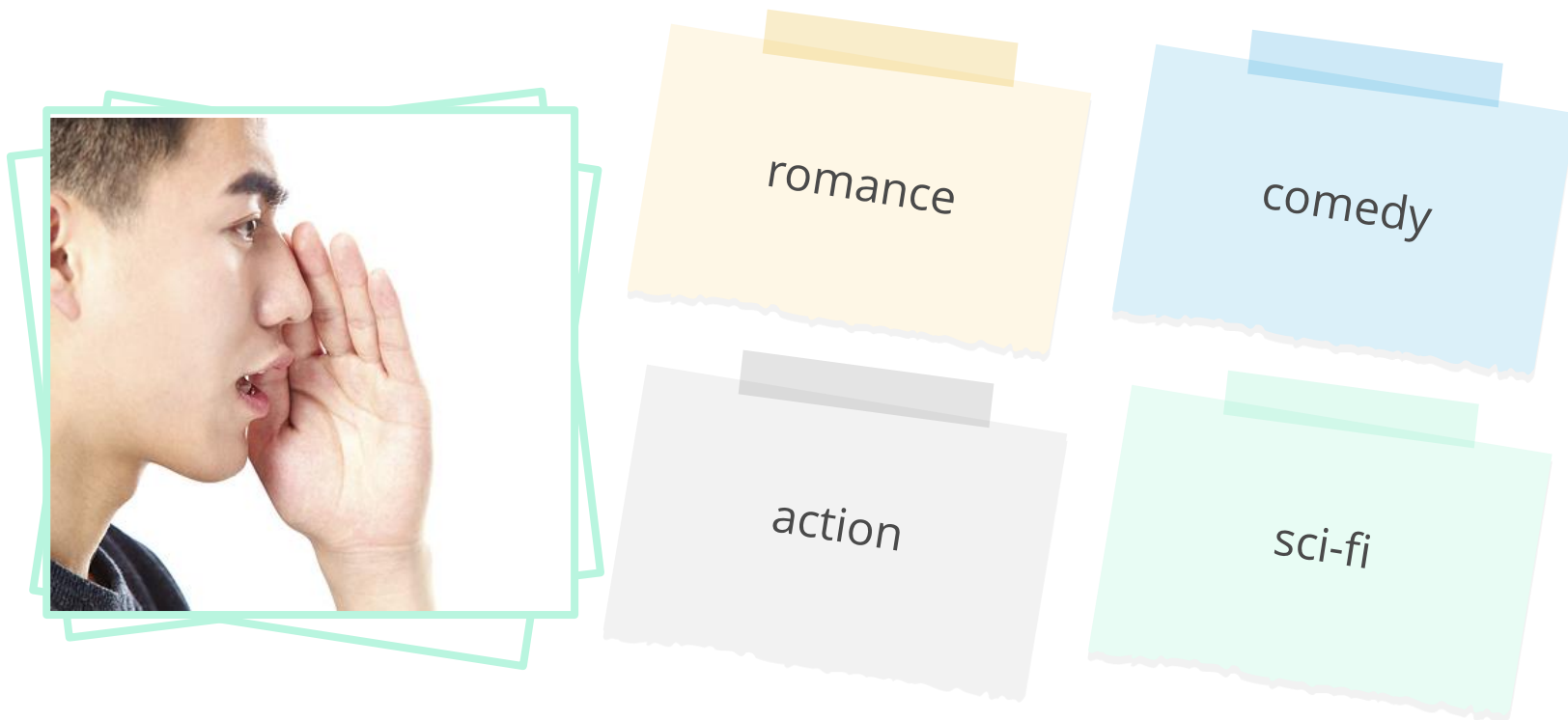
I do not **take an interest in** horror movies.





## What shows do you watch?

Think of a show or film for each genre.  
Choose a character and talk about their daily routines using verb-noun collocations.





A famous quote: what does that mean to you?

***You shall know a word  
by the company it  
keeps.***

**John Rupert Firth**





## Reflect on the goals

Go back to the second slide of the lesson and check if you have achieved all the goals of the lesson.

yes

no





## Reflect on this lesson

Think about everything you have seen in this lesson.  
What were the most difficult activities or words? The easiest?



If you have time, go over  
the most difficult slides again



## Answer key

### Exercise p. 4

Collocation: a group of two or more words that usually go together

### Exercise p. 6

2. have, be at, give, go to, 3. do, conduct, find, 4. take, prepare/study for, pass, fail, cheat on, 5. send, receive, read, answer, write, reply to

### Exercise p. 14

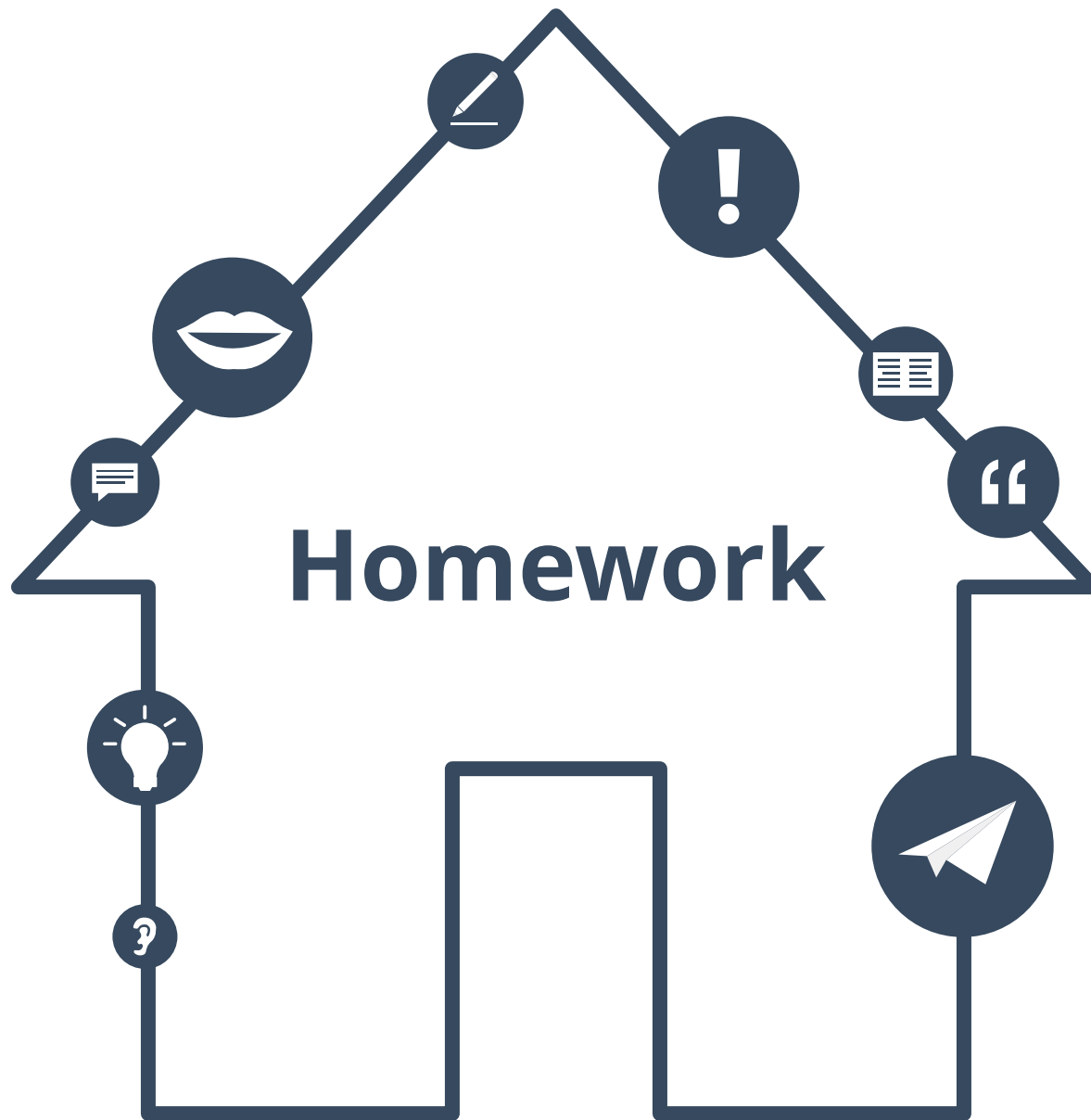
1e, 2b, 3h, 4f, 5a, 6i, 7g, 8c, 9d

### Exercise p. 16

1. gave, 2. take, 3. gives, 4. had, 5. gave, 6. take, 7. had, 8. made, 9. had, 10. made

### Exercise p. 21

1. Do the dishes, 2. run the errands, 3. make a list, 4. have a party, 5. do your best





Decide which noun goes with the verbs below

(1) to do

(2) to have

(3) to make

(4) to take

(5) to give

fun

notes

lunch

your opinion

the housework

fun of someone

sense

an exam

an answer

noise

a conversation

homework

yoga

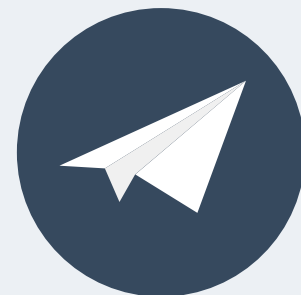
the bed

a call

care

a photo

a hug





## Homework: answer to the questions

**Answer to the questions by using verb-noun collocations.**

1. What types of TV shows do you take an interest in?
2. Who do you usually watch films with?
3. Why do people like going to the cinema?
4. What is on at the cinema closest to you?
5. What is your opinion on streaming videos online?



## Homework: your diary

**How was your day? Let's write a diary entry. Don't forget to use the verbs that we have learned using verb-noun collocations.**

have

take

give

make

do

get

Dear Diary



## Homework answer key

### **Exercise p. 29**

1. do: the homework, homework, yoga
2. have: fun, lunch, a conversation
3. make: sense, the bed, fun of someone, noise
4. take: notes, an exam, a call, care, a photo
5. give: a hug, an answer, your opinion





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