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VOCABULARY FOR IELTS

HOW TO USE  
COLLOCATIONS  
PART 1

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# WHAT YOU WILL LEARN?

- What are COLLOCATIONS?
- Why you should use COLLOCATIONS in your IELTS writing
- Verb-noun COLLOCATIONS
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# WHAT ARE COLLOCATIONS?

## COLLOCATIONS

- are groups of words which often appear together.
- are typical of native-speaker writing.

**COLLOCATIONS** are often combinations of

- Verbs and nouns
- Adjectives and nouns
- Verbs and adverbs
- Adjectives and adverbs

# WHY WORRY ABOUT COLLOCATIONS?

**COLLOCATIONS** are an example of complex language (**Vocabulary**)

They are often found in formal and academic writing (**Task Achievement/Response**)

**COLLOCATIONS** allow **IELTS** candidates to express their ideas very clearly. This makes it much easier for the **IELTS** examiner to understand (**Task Achievement/Response**)

# IELTS TASK 2 WRITING BAND DESCRIPTORS

Band	Task Response	Coherence and Cohesion	Lexical Resource	Grammatical Range and Accuracy
9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>fully addresses all parts of the task</li><li>presents a fully developed position in answer to the question with relevant, fully extended and well supported ideas</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>uses cohesion in such a way that it attracts no attention</li><li>skilfully manages paragraphing</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>uses a wide range of vocabulary with very natural and sophisticated control of lexical features;</b> rare minor errors occur only as 'slips'</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>uses a wide range of structures with full flexibility and accuracy; rare minor errors occur only as 'slips'</li></ul>
8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>sufficiently addresses all parts of the task</li><li>presents a well-developed response to the question with relevant, extended and supported ideas</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>sequences information and ideas logically</li><li>manages all aspects of cohesion well</li><li>uses paragraphing sufficiently and appropriately</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>uses a wide range of vocabulary fluently and flexibly to convey precise meanings</li><li><b>skilfully uses uncommon lexical items but there may be occasional inaccuracies in word choice and collocation</b></li><li>produces rare errors in spelling and/ or word formation</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>uses a wide range of structures</li><li>the majority of sentences are error-free</li><li>makes only occasional errors or inappropriacies</li></ul>
7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>addresses all parts of the task</li><li>presents a clear position throughout the response</li><li>presents, extends and supports main ideas, but there may be a tendency to over-generalise and/ or supporting ideas may lack focus</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>logically organises information and ideas; there is clear progression throughout</li><li>uses a range of cohesive devices appropriately although there may be some under/ over-use</li><li>presents a clear central topic within each paragraph</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>uses a sufficient range of vocabulary to allow some flexibility and precision</li><li><b>uses less common lexical items with some awareness of style and collocation</b></li><li>may produce occasional errors in word choice, spelling and/ or word formation</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>uses a variety of complex structures</li><li>produces frequent error-free sentences</li><li>has good control of grammar and punctuation but may make a few errors</li></ul>

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6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>addresses all parts of the task although some parts may be more fully covered than others</li><li>presents a relevant position although the conclusions may become unclear or repetitive</li><li>presents relevant main ideas but some may be inadequately developed/ unclear</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>arranges information and ideas coherently and there is a clear overall progression</li><li>uses cohesive devices effectively, but cohesion within and/ or between sentences may be faulty or mechanical</li><li>may not always use referencing clearly or appropriately</li><li>uses paragraphing but not always logically</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>uses an adequate range of vocabulary for the task</li><li><b>attempts to use less common vocabulary but with some inaccuracy</b></li><li>makes some errors in spelling and/ or word formation, but they do not impede communication</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>uses a mix of simple and complex sentence forms</li><li>makes some errors in grammar and punctuation but they rarely reduce communication</li></ul>
5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>addresses the task only partially; the format may be inappropriate in places</li><li>expresses a position but the development is not always clear and there may be no conclusions drawn</li><li>presents some main ideas but these are limited and not sufficiently developed; there may be irrelevant detail</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>presents information with some organisation but there may be a lack of overall progression</li><li>makes inadequate, inaccurate or over-use of cohesive devices</li><li>may be repetitive because of lack of referencing and substitution</li><li>may not write in paragraphs, or paragraphing may be inadequate</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>uses a limited range of vocabulary, but this is minimally adequate for the task</b></li><li>may make noticeable errors in spelling and/ or word formation that may cause some difficulty for the reader</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>uses only a limited range of structures</li><li>attempts complex sentences but these tend to be less accurate than simple sentences</li><li>may make frequent grammatical errors and punctuation may be faulty; errors can cause some difficulty for the reader</li></ul>



# USING COLLOCATIONS TO IMPROVE YOUR IELTS GRADE

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# VERB-NOUN COMBINATIONS

- **To apply for a job** is often a lengthy process. The initial application is often followed by a range of interviews and activities.
- We must **address the issue** of discrimination.
- Employers know that they can quickly **boost morale** amongst their staff by offering an unexpected pay rise. This is guaranteed to make workers feel better.
- Governments should aim **to alleviate poverty**.
- In some cases it may not be wrong **to break the law**. For instance, a starving individual surely has the right to steal enough food to keep himself or herself alive.
- It is unusual for a single individual **to bring about** major **change** in any country. Ghandi and Mao Tse Tung are rare examples of leaders who utterly revolutionised the society in which they lived.

# VERB-NOUN COMBINATIONS

- As a result of the economic downturn, many of us - including owners of small businesses which have gone bankrupt and individuals who have been made redundant - find ourselves in debt. A key issue is whether the state **bears** any **responsibility** for that debt. It can be argued that it does, and that government should support those who are struggling financially.
- Young children often want **to be the centre of attention**. As they grow older they begin to understand the need to interact with others and be less self-centred.
- Psychologists have been **carrying out research** into whether there is a correlation between introversion and altruism. To put it simply, they would like to discover whether individuals who focus inwardly have a greater propensity to act in their own self-interest.
- Newspapers and websites recently published an article about an **investigation/ experiment carried out** to ascertain whether certain forms of bacteria would grow faster in microgravity.

# VERB-NOUN COMBINATIONS

- It is important **to carry out** a detailed **analysis** of the questions involved before reaching a conclusion.
- Offenders who **commit crimes** have a wide range of motives: murderers may have psychological illnesses and robbers and burglars may just be trying to escape poverty.
- When hooligans and other drunk supporters want **to cause trouble** at football matches, security guards usually eject them from the stadium.
- I would like **to call attention to the fact** that although governments in economically-advanced countries regularly claim that they intend to end poverty, the gap between rich and poor is, if anything, widening.

# VERB-NOUN COMBINATIONS

- Unfortunately, in diplomatic circles, smaller countries with limited military force do not **carry** much **weight**.
- Although it is widely believed that youths usually become criminals because of a poor upbringing or social deprivation, I would like **to cast doubt** on this assumption: millions of people brought up in difficult circumstances manage to become law-abiding citizens.
- I used to believe that overweight individuals were largely responsible for their own physical state. I must confess that, having seen a significant amount of evidence on the subject, I have begun **to change my mind**. I now see that a person's upbringing and social environment greatly affect all aspects of their behaviour, including diet.

# VERB-NOUN COMBINATIONS

- The only **conclusion** which can be **drawn** from the available evidence is that making public transport free for all users is hugely advantageous.
- Members of the public regularly **donate** huge amounts of **money** to charities in response to appeals and fundraising campaigns. The charities which tend to be most successful are those supporting children with serious medical conditions.
- Anyone wishing **to do business** abroad needs a working knowledge of at least one foreign language and a great deal of sensitivity to cultural differences.
- Parents often prefer not to interfere in the private lives of their adolescent children; they are perhaps afraid of **doing** more **harm** than **good**.
- There are several reasons why sovereign countries **declare war** on each other. However, in most cases territorial ambition or the desire to control valuable resources are factors.

# VERB-NOUN COMBINATIONS

- Many experts **express the fear** that genetically-modified crops will eventually damage our ability to produce enough food.
- A recent television news item included an interview with a dentist who wished to **express concern** that the huge amount of sugar in children's diet was causing tooth decay and having a significant impact on their long-term health.
- Authors of children's literature often **express the hope** that primary-school teachers will encourage their pupils to read as widely as possible.
- Many **extol the virtues** of going to bed and getting up early.
- Some workers **earn a living** in the so-called black economy. This is rarely through choice as although they do not pay taxes, they are not entitled to sickness benefit or any other legal protection.

# VERB-NOUN COMBINATIONS

- When charities appeal for donations after a humanitarian crisis, the response often **exceeds** their **expectations**. When faced with the suffering of fellow-humans, many of us give generously.
- It should be the aim of The United Nations, The World Health Organisation and all other multi-national bodies **to eradicate poverty** within the next decade.
- As we use up our natural resources and struggle to find new forms of energy, our species probably **faces a bleak future** unless we can quickly find alternatives or change our energy-hungry lifestyles.
- Some eighteen-year-olds decide to take a gap-year after finishing school in order **to face challenges** and hopefully broaden their horizons.

# VERB-NOUN COMBINATIONS

- Criminals who are caught have **to face the consequences** of their actions. They may be sentenced to a period in prison, depending on the severity of the offence.
- Most of those living in economically-advanced countries claim **to feel guilt** about having such an abundance of food when some living in poor regions are facing starvation.
- Most human beings are relatively good at **giving advice**. Unfortunately, many of us are not so skilled at taking it.
- The most successful individuals are those who possess grit and determination. They rarely if ever **give up hope** and are convinced of their ability to prosper and thrive.



# VERB-NOUN COMBINATIONS

- During the economic recession a large number of companies **went bankrupt**. This obviously impacted on employees, who were made redundant. It had a knock-on effect on family members of those who had lost their jobs, as well as on businesses with which the bankrupt companies had traded.
- I am convinced that specifically educating teenagers about illegal drugs would **have a long-term positive effect**. Doing nothing to address the issue will clearly **have a negative effect**.
- Teachers can **have a massive impact** on their pupils' development.
- Unfortunately, householders sometimes fail **to heed warnings** from the police about the security of their property. If doors and windows are not kept locked, burglaries are extremely likely in some areas.

# VERB-NOUN COMBINATIONS

- The issue of internet fraud is becoming enormously serious. Thousands of consumers and bank-account holders lose money as a result of online criminals. Surely the powers-that-be need **to introduce/ bring in legislation** to tackle this unacceptable situation.
- Although medical experts sometimes **issue advice** about not consuming excessive amounts of alcohol, many choose to ignore it.
- At the beginning of a course, university tutors occasionally **issue a warning** to their students about the dangers of plagiarising and paying others to complete their assignments.
- When countries start **issuing threats** about invasions, it is essential that the international community intervenes and that diplomatic efforts are made to seek a solution.

# VERB-NOUN COMBINATIONS

- Airlines spend huge amounts of money developing computer systems which can spot situations when a pilot **makes a mistake**. Air-traffic controllers and the pilot herself/ himself can be alerted and the error rectified.
- Language students often feel that they **make** excellent **progress** at first. However, having reached an intermediate level, many learners start to get the sense that they are no longer improving.
- Less talented students who **make an effort** usually manage to get higher exam grades than their counterparts who are gifted but lazy.
- Although salaries tend not to be very competitive, a significant number of school-leavers choose a career in social work and community care because they would like **to make a difference** to society.

# VERB-NOUN COMBINATIONS

- Managers need to develop the ability **to make a decision** quickly and be willing to live with the consequences.
- Many employees are reluctant **to make a suggestion** to their manager, fearing that their idea will either be ignored or interpreted as an attempt to usurp the manager's power.
- Before a plane takes off, the pilots need **to make sure** that all safety checks have been carried out.
- Attempts are being made **to narrow the gap** between girls and boys in terms of academic achievement. Girls tend to get far higher exam results in most subjects, especially social sciences and the arts.

# VERB-NOUN COMBINATIONS

- I strongly believe that the government should **pass a law/ legislation** banning the advertising of fast food on television.
- It seems fair that anyone wishing to drive a motor vehicle should **pass a** theoretical **test** as well as a practical one.
- Teachers obviously **play a vital role/ part** in a child's development. It is sometimes debated whether teachers are in fact more important than parents in a child's upbringing.
- We need **to pay attention to** experts who predict that within a couple of generations the majority of the jobs which we currently do will be taken by robots.

# VERB-NOUN COMBINATIONS

- It is often claimed that meteorites with the potential to crash into our planet **pose a greater risk/ threat** to our continued existence than almost anything else.
- This is **a question** worth **posing**.
- The level of truancy rose steadily throughout the year, **reaching a peak** in March. Following a change in the school's policy towards absent students, the level fell sharply after this point.
- When workers go on strike to protest about low wages or poor working conditions, it can take months of negotiations **to reach an agreement** with employers. During this time, workers may receive no wages whatsoever.
- Having considered this matter in some detail, I have **reached the conclusion** that it makes sense to educate boys and girls together.
- Those who work hard should **reap the rewards**.

# VERB-NOUN COMBINATIONS

- There is no doubt that we need **to raise awareness** about the issue of alcohol abuse. It is a hidden problem, rarely discussed in public, which blights the lives of millions, disrupting families and causing tremendous hardship.
- When a country experiences serious economic problems, critics and commentators start **to raise questions** about the competence of those in charge.
- **Concerns** have been **raised** by social workers that some children living in care are treated extremely badly.
- For decades experts have been attempting **to solve the problem** of poor diet. It seems almost impossible to persuade a significant proportion of the population to eat healthily.

# VERB-NOUN COMBINATIONS

- The question of whether our behaviour is primarily the result of genetic or environmental factors remains a fiercely-debated one. Many experiments have been set up to try **to shed light** on the matter.
- Obviously, the internet enables us **to save** a huge amount of **time**. Shopping, communicating and even applying for jobs only take a fraction of the time they used to.
- I feel it is essential **to tackle the problem/ issue** of homelessness. It is quite simply unacceptable that individuals have to sleep on the streets. Many of them are vulnerable, disabled or elderly.
- I am of the opinion that we need **to take action** to address the huge economic imbalances which currently exist in our world. The gap between those who have everything and those who have nothing is massive and widening.



# VERB-NOUN COMBINATIONS

- Unless we **take** urgent **steps/ measures** to safeguard our privacy, we will soon live in a world where multi-national organisations know everything about us.
- Shamefully, employers often **take advantage of** their relative power and of their employees' relative weakness. Many workers are exploited by having to work for low pay, being expected to work long and unsociable hours, and being treated with no respect by their bosses. (**to make the most of**)
- When considering which car to buy, it is important **to take** fuel efficiency and reliability **into account/ consideration**. These factors may not be the first ones which spring to mind, but they will have a significant impact on how much the vehicle eventually costs.

# VERB-NOUN COMBINATIONS

- It is extremely easy **to waste time** online. It may only take a few seconds to become distracted by something you had not planned to look at.
- It is said that advertising makes us want **to waste** our **money** on products we do not need and cannot afford.
- Young adults are often encouraged not **to waste the opportunities** they have to travel around the world. It is likely that when they become older they will have commitments, making it more difficult for them to travel.
- The **gap** between the salaries of chief executives and ordinary workers has **widened** decisively over the past ten years. This suggests that levels of inequality are even greater than they were.

# WHAT SHALL I DO NOW?

- **Study the language in this lesson**
- **Study the next part of this unit**
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- **Practice**

# ADJECTIVE-NOUN COMBINATIONS FOR IELTS WRITING TASK 1

- Over the past few years, there has been a general **upward trend** in the number of graduates seeking employment in the retail sector and a corresponding **downward trend** in applications for jobs in banking and finance.
- Between 1980 and 1990 there was a **sharp/ significant/ moderate/ slight/ negligible rise** in the cost of foreign holidays.
- Between 1980 and 1990 there was a **sharp/ significant/ moderate/ slight/ negligible fall** in the level of food imports.
- There were **wild/ moderate/ slight fluctuations** in the figures for television viewing during the past year.



# ADJECTIVE-NOUN COMBINATIONS: ISSUES AND DEBATES

- There is an **ongoing/ fierce/ heated debate** about whether corporal punishment can actually help a school to impose discipline and whether it has serious long-term effects on those beaten, smacked or caned.
- Ever since their invention, there have been **bitter/ acrimonious arguments** about the merits of nuclear weapons. Some see them as a guarantor of world peace while others view them as monstrous machines of mass murder.
- In many countries, there is now a **major disagreement** amongst politicians, economists and members of the public as to whether globalisation is in fact beneficial to individual nations.
- The effectiveness of the nuclear deterrent is a **much-debated issue**.

# ADJECTIVE-NOUN COMBINATIONS: ISSUES AND DEBATES

- Whether pregnant women should have the right to have an abortion remains a **contentious issue** in many parts of the world. The idea has both **ardent supporters** and **vehement critics**.
- It is my **strongly-held view** that male and female students should be educated separately.
- There is a **widely-held view** that doctors and nurses should receive higher salaries.
- Whether all employees should be paid equally is perhaps a **tricky question**. Morally it may make perfect sense to reward each employee equally, yet from an economic perspective, such a measure would probably act as a disincentive, encouraging laziness.

# ADJECTIVE-NOUN COMBINATIONS: EFFECTS

- There is an ongoing fierce/ heated debate about whether corporal punishment can actually help a school to impose discipline and whether it has serious **long-term effects** on those beaten, smacked or caned.
- Crime can have a **devastating effect** on a local community.
- Cutting the opportunities which children have to learn a foreign language may have **serious/ dire/ unforeseen/ unintended consequences/ repercussions**. When these children become adults, they will probably have a very limited understanding of cultural diversity.
- It is believed by some that not teaching youngsters about the many and varied faiths and belief systems around the world could have **significant ramifications**, leading to intolerance, misunderstanding and hatred of others in the future.
- Having good teachers is a **key factor** in a child's development.

# ADJECTIVE-NOUN COMBINATIONS: NEGATIVE COMMENTS

- I am convinced that encouraging large multi-national companies to locate their factories in your country by offering them reductions in taxation is a **misguided/ short-sighted approach/ strategy/ policy** which allows these businesses to exploit both the government and workers.
- Many governments measure their success in terms of economic growth. GDP figures indicate to them whether they have achieved their aims. However, this seems a peculiarly **two-dimensional approach**. Surely our happiness depends on other factors.
- I hold the view that forcing all school-leavers to do a couple of years of military service would be a **worrying development**
- Giving students a punishment of detention can be something of a **double-edged sword**. On the one hand, it may make a child willing to behave better in class. However, at the same time, it can make pupils see learning in a **negative light**.

# ADJECTIVE-NOUN COMBINATIONS: NEGATIVE COMMENTS

- Some of the viruses which have spread across the planet in recent years are clearly a **warning sign**; we live in such an inter-connected world that we have become vulnerable to a possible epidemic or pandemic which could kill millions of us.
- It would be a **terrible/ ghastly error/ mistake** to believe that our technological advances can always protect us from natural disaster. Events like the catastrophic earthquake and tsunami in Japan should make us aware that the planet is far more powerful than we are.
- I believe that closing our borders to all immigrants would be a tremendously **backward step**. We need to embrace diversity and realise that foreigners tend to have an incredibly positive impact on a country.
- Quarrels and arguments can cause **irreparable damage** to relationships between family members. As a result of arguments and disagreements, bitter family feuds can develop which take years to resolve.

# ADJECTIVE-NOUN COMBINATIONS: POSITIVE COMMENTS

- We often ignore the **vital role** which grandparents play. Without them, many would struggle to bring up their children.
- Those who believe that the elderly are treated unfairly have a **valid point**. Older people are habitually ignored and seen as a nuisance. Their wisdom and usefulness are rarely recognised.
- There may sometimes be **valid reasons** why drivers break the speed limit. For instance, if someone is driving a seriously-injured person to hospital, it may be acceptable to speed.
- There is **overwhelming evidence** to suggest that dolphins can form complex mental representations of their surroundings.
- Animals make a **valuable contribution** to society. Dogs can be used as guards or to guide blind people and horses have played an important role in agriculture and farming for centuries.

# ADJECTIVE-NOUN COMBINATIONS: POSITIVE COMMENTS

- Tackling bullying at school should be a priority. Asking researchers to look into the causes of this behaviour would be a **positive step/ a step in the right direction/ a step forward**.
- Setting foot on the moon was perhaps man's most **remarkable achievement**. The technological skill and ingenuity required were staggering.
- Teachers of primary-school children have a **tremendous opportunity** to help their pupils develop into broad-minded and caring adults, able to enjoy life and help others.

# ADJECTIVE-NOUN COMBINATIONS: THE FUTURE AND THE PAST

- Being an optimist and expecting a **bright future** has been proven to be beneficial to health. Individuals who see the glass as half-full rather than half-empty usually live longer and report more positive moods.
- Prophets of doom and gloom generally predict a terribly **bleak future**.
- In the **immediate future**, it seems that our species should be able to live with the effects of climate change. Unfortunately, in the **distant future**, the way we live will be severely disrupted.
- Although driverless cars will not be available for the **foreseeable future**, there will definitely come a time when we all use them.



# ADJECTIVE-NOUN COMBINATIONS: THE FUTURE AND THE PAST

- **Future generations** will probably not forgive us or understand us if we fail to take steps to reduce the environmental impact of our lives. **Previous generations** have the excuse that they were unaware of the damage they were causing.
- Many people assume that slavery is something from **dim and distant past**. Shockingly, it has been estimated that a greater proportion of the human population is in slavery now than at any previous point in history.

# ADJECTIVE-NOUN COMBINATIONS: JOBS AND THE ECONOMY

- Whether all employees should be paid equally is perhaps a tricky question. Morally it may make perfect sense to reward each employee equally, yet from an **economic perspective**, such a measure would probably act as a disincentive, encouraging laziness.
- Many governments measure their success in terms of **economic growth**. GDP figures indicate to them whether they have achieved their aims. However, this seems a peculiarly two-dimensional approach. Surely our happiness depends on other factors.
- There has been a global **economic downturn/ slump** since 2008, largely caused by the failings of large **financial institutions**.
- I have mixed feelings about the impact of **multi-national corporations**. It is indisputable that they create employment and offer **job opportunities**. Yet, at the same time, they drive down costs including wages and can be quite exploitative.
- **Working conditions** seem to have deteriorated recently.

# ADJECTIVE-NOUN COMBINATIONS: ENVIRONMENT AND SCIENCE

- It is sometimes argued that the **widespread use** of **genetically-modified crops** could have unforeseen/ unintended consequences. It may be that these plants have an effect on our **natural environment** which nobody either predicted or wanted.
- As we use up our **non-renewable/ natural resources** and struggle to find new forms of energy, our species probably faces a bleak future unless we can quickly find alternatives or change our **energy-hungry lifestyles** so as to reduce **carbon emissions** and **greenhouse gases**.
- The **natural habitats** of many **endangered species** have been destroyed.
- Thanks to **global warming**, our planet has changed irreversibly.

# ADJECTIVE-NOUN COMBINATIONS: ENVIRONMENT AND SCIENCE

- **Technological advances** and **scientific breakthroughs** can be positive or negative: **information technology**, **social media**, **driverless cars**, **gene editing** and **nuclear weapons** all began life in the laboratory.
- Unless we reduce our dependence on **gas-guzzling cars**, the future looks bleak.
- Many argue that **space exploration** is a complete waste of time and money.

# ADJECTIVE-NOUN COMBINATIONS: DESCRIBING LIVING

- It is often said that **living conditions** have improved immeasurably in the last few years. Most of us now have access to **running water** and a constant **power supply**. In addition, **modern conveniences** such as fridge-freezers are now far more common.
- I find it hard to believe that average **life expectancy** will continue rising. It has already passed eighty in some parts of the world and is surely approaching its peak.
- It is somewhat puzzling that so many humans eat so unhealthily. There is so much information available about what constitutes a **balanced diet** that it simply cannot be the case that they are ignorant about nutrition.
- There has been an alarming rise in the number of people leading a **sedentary lifestyle**.
- When refugees flee war-torn regions, they often have no time to collect up their **personal belongings** / **material possessions**. Consequently, they arrive at re-settlement camps or international borders with nothing.

# ADJECTIVE-NOUN COMBINATIONS: PEOPLE

- The **vast majority** of those questioned stated that they were relatively satisfied with their current employment and had no plans to look for alternative work.
- Many members of **ethnic minorities** feel that they are discriminated against in subtle ways which are hard to measure. For instance, they are less likely to be successful at a job interview and are detained by police-officers more frequently than others.
- Following changes in social attitudes, most people now strongly support the rights of gay men and women to marry. There is still a **vociferous minority** which strongly opposes the right of homosexuals to adopt children.
- The **general public** tends to support the reintroduction of capital punishment.

# ADJECTIVE-NOUN COMBINATIONS: DESCRIBING FEELINGS

- We, as a society, have a **moral obligation** to ensure that all children are adequately clothed, fed and sheltered.
- I have **mixed feelings** about the impact of multi-national corporations. It is indisputable that they create employment and offer job opportunities. Yet, at the same time, they drive down costs including wages and can be quite exploitative.
- Quarrels and arguments can cause irreparable damage to relationships between family members. As a result of arguments and disagreements, **family feuds** can develop which take years to resolve.
- It is my **fervent hope** that the world will become fairer.
- Some claim to have a **deep-rooted/ deep-seated animosity** towards migrants.
- Many youngsters have a **burning desire** to become celebrities.

# ADJECTIVE-NOUN COMBINATIONS: DESCRIBING SOCIETY

- The right to **free speech** is, in my view, vital. Everyone should be allowed to say whatever they want, even if what they say is offensive to others.
- We need to take seriously the concerns of those who claim to have been treated unfairly because of their gender, **ethnic background**, **religious affiliation** or **sexual orientation**.
- It would be a welcome change if **political leaders** started telling the truth. Most of us are sick and tired of the half-truths and **downright lies** which politicians try to deceive us with.



# ADJECTIVE-NOUN COMBINATIONS: DESCRIBING SOCIETY

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- **Awareness-raising campaigns** are used to help the public to understand the seriousness of internet fraud.
- Thankfully, over the past few decades, the issues of **human rights** and **civil liberties** has emerged as an important one. However, discrimination and other forms of injustice are still prevalent and prisoners in many parts of the world are still tortured.
- Even though progress has been made, it would still be difficult to argue that everyone on our planet has **equal rights/ opportunities**. Whilst some sip champagne on luxury yachts, others struggle to locate enough drinking water to keep themselves alive.

# ADJECTIVE-NOUN COMBINATIONS: DESCRIBING SOCIETY

- When refugees flee **war-torn regions**, they often have no time to collect up their personal belongings. Consequently, they arrive at re-settlement camps or international borders with nothing.
- **Non-governmental organisations** such as The Red Crescent can sometimes help to resolve **armed conflicts**.
- The **humanitarian crisis** sweeping the region has led to the deaths of thousands.
- **Innocent civilians** are often caught up in **terrorist attacks**.
- **Developing countries** sometimes need **foreign aid** from **economically-developed countries**.

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HOW TO USE  
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# VERB-ADVERB COMBINATIONS FOR IELTS WRITING TASK 1

- During the first half of the decade, the interest rate **fluctuated slightly/moderately/ wildly**.
- The number of households with a fridge-freezer **rose/ increased/ went up/ fell/ decreased/ went down sharply/ significantly/ dramatically** during the twenty-year period beginning in 1965.
- During the period for which details are provided, the amount of coal produced **rose/ increased/ went up/ fell/ decreased/ went down moderately**.
- The number car-thefts **rose/ increased/ went up/ fell/ decreased/ went down slightly** during the first few years of the period for which we have figures.



# VERB-ADVERB COMBINATIONS: OPINIONS

- I **fervently hope** that within the next few year serious attempts will be made to eradicate poverty and reduce the gap between the wealthy and the impoverished.
- I **agree wholeheartedly** with those who assert that doctors, nurses and other health workers should be treated better and paid more.
- I **wholeheartedly believe** that drivers found guilty of speeding or other apparently minor infringements should have their driving licences taken away for a minimum of five years.
- I **vehemently support** the rights of disabled individuals to be treated equally.
- I **vehemently disagree** with the policy of forcing the unemployed to do community service. It seems like an unjustifiable approach to me.
- Those who **care deeply** about human rights are both angered and saddened when they hear reports of prisoners being tortured.

# VERB-ADVERB COMBINATIONS

## GENERAL

- Having **closely/ seriously/ carefully examined** the arguments related to making all public transport free of charge, I have reached the conclusion that it would be an excellent idea in theory but would probably be impractical.
- It would be a good idea for the major banking corporations to **invest heavily** in micro-businesses in developing countries, many of which are run by women. This single step would pull hundreds of thousands of people out of poverty.
- Through the use of modern technology, it is far easier to **keep in touch** than it has ever been. Friends and relatives can contact each other in seconds, even when they live on opposite sides of the globe.
- India and China are **fast becoming** the world's most dominant economic forces. Within a couple of decades, these two powerhouses will have overtaken The USA in terms of production and consumption.

# ADVERB-ADJECTIVE COMBINATIONS

- It is **abundantly clear** that international tourism benefits powerful governments and businesses whilst at the same time leading to the exploitation of those living in newly-created tourist resorts.
- It is **blindingly obvious** to anyone who seriously considers the matter that large mammals such as black rhino and polar bears will become extinct soon unless we radically alter our lifestyle.
- Although teenagers definitely need educating about the dangers of driving, it is **entirely inappropriate** for them to be shown video-clips of car-crashes to scare them.

# ADVERB-ADJECTIVE COMBINATIONS

- To say that men have more complex brains than women is **factually inaccurate**; the average man might have a slightly bigger brain but the number of neural connections- which is what really matters- is **remarkably similar** for males and females.
- Opinions about whether countries should open their doors to more migrants are **deeply divided**. Liberal-minded individuals see tremendous benefits of this policy but their opponents believe it would be a ghastly mistake.
- Unfortunately, it is **highly unlikely** that we will ever find a cure for the common cold. Actually, colds are caused by so many different viruses that a single vaccine would not be a feasible solution.
- Some students are **bitterly disappointed** not to be accepted by the university of their choice. At such a young age it is difficult to take a longer view and realise that this rejection may not be such a terrible thing.

# ADVERB-ADJECTIVE COMBINATIONS

- Some scientists are **quietly confident** that their research will produce cures for many of the most serious medical conditions such as Parkinson's Disease, Alzheimer's Disease and cystic fibrosis.
- It is **generally/ widely accepted** that girls develop socially at an earlier age than boys. However, it is not known to what extent this difference is genetic.
- A person's health is **inexorably linked** to diet and exercise.
- It is **abundantly clear/ crystal clear** that paper-based media such as newspapers and magazines will soon disappear as electronic forms become even more widespread.

# ADVERB-ADJECTIVE COMBINATIONS

- It is **utterly ridiculous** to assert that society is no longer sexist. Figures suggest that only a tiny proportion of leading scientists, business leaders and politicians are women.
- Changes to the law, making it illegal to use an electronic device while driving are **long overdue**.
- Most of us are **well aware** that as we grow older, life will probably become more difficult.
- In my opinion, it is **well worth** seeing as many different countries as possible and forming an understanding of the rich and varied world we live in.
- The number of villagers remained **relatively constant** over the five-year period.
- The argument in favour of male superiority is **fundamentally flawed**.
- The response of government has been **woefully inadequate**.

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# OTHER **NOUN** COMBINATIONS

- These days, most department stores and shopping malls offer a wide range of products. Shoppers are literally **spoilt for choice**.
- Over recent years, museums have made great efforts to attract larger numbers of visitors. However, there is **room for improvement**: many exhibitions still seem quite uninspiring, especially for children. One solution might be to rely more on interactive technology.
- When asked whether famous celebrities have **a right to privacy**, people's responses vary widely. Some state that as public figures, celebrities should expect every aspect of their private life to be revealed and scrutinised. Others claim that we all have the right to be left in peace with our family and friends.

# OTHER NOUN COMBINATIONS

- Making sure that **law and order** does not break down is a key concern for the government. Citizens need to be sure that the crime-rate will be kept as low as possible.
- **Without a shadow of a doubt**, the world will undergo seismic changes over the next few decades. We have not even considered many of the difficulties which lie ahead.

# COMPOUND NOUNS:

## TYPES OF PEOPLE

- fellow-students; fellow-humans; fellow-inmates; classmates; work colleagues
- breadwinners; caregiver; pickpockets; householders
- child-minders; taxi-drivers; airline pilots; factory workers; civil servants; government officials; chief executives
- asylum-seekers; job-seekers; holiday-makers; sight-seers; home-owners; public transport users; wheelchair-users; stamp collectors; television viewers; cat-lovers; tennis enthusiasts

# TWO-PART ADJECTIVES

## NUMBERS

- During the **three-year** period which the figures refer to, there was a steep rise in the number of businesses which went bankrupt.
- One of the greatest **twentieth-century** painters, Picasso, continues to influence art and design today.
- Medical experts recommend that even the elderly take a brisk **twenty-minute** walk every day to improve their fitness.
- It is estimated that most **five-year-old** children understand technology better than the average **sixty-year-old** adult.

# TWO-PART ADJECTIVES

## CHARACTERISTICS

- The media stereotype of a university professor as **absent-minded** and largely uninterested in what is happening in the real world no longer reflects reality. Most academics these days are younger and more attuned to their students' needs.
- Parents who have a **broad-minded**/ an **open-minded** attitude usually allow their children a great deal more freedom as they grow up and tend to be far less judgemental.
- Individuals who have not travelled and have not experienced different cultures are more likely to hold **narrow-minded** attitudes and may be unwilling to accept behaviours which they are not used to.
- Mothers and fathers fear that when their young children are not **well-behaved**, family members and friends will point the finger of blame at the parents and criticise the way the children have been brought up.



# TWO-PART ADJECTIVES

## CHARACTERISTICS

- There is no doubt that those who are seen as **well-educated** enjoy numerous benefits and advantages over those who do not enjoy the same status.
- Students who have passed exams in the past can sometimes become **over-confident** and a little complacent. If they do not revise properly as a result of this attitude, they can get a disappointing grade.
- Debate still rages over whether **highly-intelligent** children are the product of good schooling or good genes. It seems that this issue will never be fully resolved.
- **Well-meaning** individuals often donate money to charities. However, it is not always clear that the money they give reaches its intended destination.

# TWO-PART ADJECTIVES

## DEBATES

- We should try to have a far more **broad-minded** approach to gender. Many of those who wish to transition from male to female or vice versa complain that they are misunderstood, criticised and even ridiculed.
- If we cannot stop the process of desertification, there will be **far-reaching** consequences as the amount of available farmland diminishes year by year.
- Loosening regulations so that toxic waste can be dumped into rivers is a **short-sighted** approach. Although it will lead to **short-term** benefits for individual businesses and the economy as a whole, there will be a terrible price to pay in the long-run.
- It is my **deeply/ strongly-held** view that governments should ensure that everyone has adequate housing and access to basic amenities.

# TWO-PART ADJECTIVES

## DEBATES

- It is a **widely-held** belief that most politicians are corrupt. Obviously, it is difficult to find evidence to support or refute this opinion.
- Officials in several cities have developed a **well-thought-out** plan to reduce the number of vehicles clogging up the streets and causing terrible congestion and even gridlock. Motorists are being encouraged to park their cars outside the city and take a free bus into the centre.
- Whether smoking should be made illegal is a **highly-contentious** issue.
- The question of whether workers should be made to retire when reaching a certain age has been **much-debated**.
- A **long-awaited** change in the law will now give **same-sex** couples the same rights to marry as heterosexuals.

# TWO-PART ADJECTIVES

## SOCIETY

- **Liberal-minded** politicians often criticise both their **far-right** and **far-left** adversaries as being too radical and failing to understand what needs to be done to make society a better place.
- **Under-privileged** children often find it difficult to do well in school. This may be because they have not been properly fed or because their families are unable to provide them with the equipment needed to study.
- The government should take steps to help **under-achieving** students from **socially-deprived** families.
- Social tension is sometimes associated with high levels of immigration. It seems that, amongst so-called native populations, there can be **deep-rooted/ deep-seated** animosity towards the newcomers.

# TWO-PART ADJECTIVES

## SOCIETY

- People living in **densely-populated** areas report feeling higher levels of stress than residents of quieter areas.
- All across the **Spanish-speaking** world, business is done in English.
- Most adolescents aspire to be a **well-known** singer or actor.
- Many **world-famous** superstars complain that they barely get any privacy from fans.
- It is often very difficult to get tickets for concerts where **internationally-renowned** musicians are playing.
- Many **much-loved** entertainers never seem to retire, performing well into their eighties.

# TWO-PART ADJECTIVES

## SOCIETY

- Despite numerous **awareness-raising** campaigns, the majority of drivers still use their smartphones whilst behind the wheel of a car.
- Gyms and fitness centres these days often contain **state-of-the-art** equipment.
- Writing a blog can be a very **time-consuming** activity.
- Consumers seem increasingly interested in purchasing **environmentally-friendly** products.
- Those still driving **gas-guzzling** cars should be ashamed of the damage we are doing to the environment.

# TWO-PART ADJECTIVES

## WORK

- **Profit-making** organisations usually put a great deal of effort into reducing costs.
- **Loss-making** enterprises need to become more productive in order to avoid the threat of bankruptcy.
- Globalisation has led to an increase in the number of **poorly-paid** workers.
- Some companies prefer a **poorly-trained** workforce as these employees tend to be vulnerable and more easily manipulated.

# TWO-PART ADJECTIVES

## WORK

- **Poorly-qualified** and **poorly-motivated** staff may need to be retrained or even dismissed.
- Obviously, **part-time** employees do not have the same level of commitment to a company as their **full-time** colleagues.
- Unfortunately, many workers tend to be lazy whenever the opportunity arises. It is quite unusual to find **hard-working** employees.
- There has been a **long-running** debate about whether some companies should be **state-run** rather than **privately-owned**.



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# PRACTICE USING COLLOCATIONS

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# QUESTIONS 1-4: COMPLETE THE MISSING WORD TO FORM A COLLOCATION

- Over the entire period, there was a significant **u** \_\_\_\_\_ trend in the number of cigarette-smokers who managed to either give up or start smoking e-cigarettes.
- It is vital that the legal system is just. Anyone who **c** \_\_\_\_\_ a crime should be punished in a way which is fair.
- The last few decades have seen a noticeable **d** \_\_\_\_\_ trend in the number of cyclists on our city roads. Obviously, safety concerns are likely to be a key factor in this reduction.
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# ANSWERS 1-4

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# QUESTIONS 5-8: COMPLETE THE MISSING WORD TO FORM A COLLOCATION

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- Between 2002 and 2005 there was a **s** \_\_\_\_\_ rise in the number of holiday-makers who decided to book breaks in their own country. It is possible that the economic situation and fears of terrorism were major factors in this trend.
- There were **w** \_\_\_\_\_ fluctuations in sales of plants and flowers during the year. It is believed that the weather was at least partly responsible for these large and unexpected changes in the number of items purchased.
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# ANSWERS 5-8

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# QUESTIONS 9-12: COMPLETE THE MISSING WORD TO FORM A COLLOCATION

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# QUESTIONS 13-16: COMPLETE THE MISSING WORD TO FORM A COLLOCATION

- Sales of televisions rose through the 1970s and 1980s and reached a **p** \_\_\_\_\_ in the early nineties before beginning to decline steadily from around 1995.
- For decades, there has been a **f** \_\_\_\_\_ debate about whether mothers of babies and toddlers should go back to work or whether it is vital for the child's development that the mother stays at home and looks after her infant.
- There seems little doubt that our love of junk food has played a **r** \_\_\_\_\_ in the huge rise in the number of cases of diabetes over the past few years.
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- Whether those under the age of eighteen ought to be allowed to drink alcohol is quite a **t** \_\_\_\_\_ question. Advocates believe that young people who become accustomed to alcohol tend to have a healthier relationship with it. However, critics state that if children start drinking beer, wine and spirits, they are likely to become dependent.
- I would urge every citizen of our planet to make an effort to live in a more **e** \_\_\_\_\_ - **f** \_\_\_\_\_ way. Unless we start to care about our planet, the future looks bleak.
- Many of those who study medicine and become doctors want to make a **d** \_\_\_\_\_. They are decent and well-meaning individuals who want to make the world a better place and would like to improve the quality of life of their fellow-humans.
- Over the last few years there has been a **m** \_\_\_\_\_ disagreement about whether the government should pay for students from less privileged backgrounds to go to university. Those in favour believe that if the authorities cover the financial costs for poorer students, it is likely to lead to a fairer and more equitable society.

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# QUESTIONS 25-28: COMPLETE THE MISSING WORD TO FORM A COLLOCATION

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- The figures given suggest that tea-drinking **r** \_\_\_\_\_ sharply in the seventeenth century. In previous centuries, very small quantities of this beverage appear to have been drunk. However, in the 1600s, the amount shot up.
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