

1 Collocations

Match the verbs with the words they go with.

bring about	prop up	step up
drum up	pull out	

- their campaign / security / the hunt
- the regime / the currency
- reforms / regime change / peace
- business / some enthusiasm / support
- the troops / of the tournament / of the deal

Now match these verbs with the words they go with.

distract	hack	twist
fuel	intervene	

- in the conflict / in a dispute
- into a computer system
- what I said / my words / my arm
- us from the real issues
- tensions / the economic boom

2 Word building

Complete the collocations with the correct form of the given words.

- dictate**
a military, a boss
- precise**
..... bombing, eight o'clock
- intervene**
military, the years
- grieve**
air their, bodily harm
- liberate**
hailed as, sexual
- invade**
an of privacy, see us as
- provoke**
a totally attack, an act of
- fanatic**
..... followers, religious

3 Death and dying

Complete the sentences with these words.

bled	choked	driven
broken heart	crushed	natural causes
childbirth	dragged	starved

- He was stabbed in a fight and to death.
- They carried out an autopsy on the body, but they concluded he'd died of
- He got a bone stuck in his throat and to death.
- His wife died in and he never got over it. He died of a a few years later.
- I think she was literally to death by the press. They just wouldn't leave her alone.
- The roof collapsed and he was to death.
- A million people to death during the famine.
- Her coat got caught in a car door and she was to her death.

Language note

If someone is *driven to death*, they're forced into a situation where they feel they have no choice but to kill themselves. You can also be *driven to kill*, *driven to drink*, *driven to distraction* or *driven to despair*.

4 Opposites

Complete the opposites with these words.

brainwashed	demented	impartial
break	get rid of	stick
censorship	gung-ho	

- call a ceasefire the ceasefire
- government propaganda reporting
- sceptical about the war about the war
- a dignified statesman a tyrant
- our troops are loyal their troops are
- reporting guidelines
- prop up a regime a regime
- change your mind to your guns

5 Key word: war

Complete the sentences with these nouns.

brink	crimes	reparations
casualties	hero	veterans

- The victims of the mistaken bombing are just the latest of an increasingly bloody war.
- Germany had to pay huge war after WWI.
- Even though he was indicted for war, he was still hailed by some as a war
- Many war suffered psychological problems years after returning from action.
- In the past, Pakistan and India came to the of war over the disputed territory of Kashmir.

6 Reasons for war and conflict

Complete the sentences with these words.

annulled	dispute	install	overthrow
conducted	forcing	outlawed	

- A left-wing group started a rebellion to the government and a Marxist regime.
- The conflict grew out of racial tensions. The ruling majority ethnic cleansing, killing minorities or them out of the country.
- The war was the result of a border where both countries laid claim to the territory.
- The ruling government the elections and opposition parties, sparking a civil war.

7 A peace process

Put the sentences in the order the events happened. Number 4 is given.

- As a result, the two sides broke off talks. ☐
- Both sides declared a ceasefire and entered into talks. ☐
- There was a breakthrough, leading to an agreement. ☐
- The sides resumed negotiations. ☐
- One side made tentative contact with their opponents. ☐
- They signed a formal peace treaty. ☐
- They conducted exploratory talks behind the scenes. ☐
- The talks reached a deadlock. ☒ 4

8 Far from

We often show how things can have the opposite result to what's expected by using *far from* + *ing*.

Make complete sentences by matching the beginnings with the endings.

- The government, far from crushing the revolt, ☐
 - Far from helping people out of poverty, ☐
 - Far from lifting people's mood, ☐
 - Research has found that, far from being unhealthy, ☐
 - Far from improving, ☐
- their policies have widened the wealth gap.
 - created a breeding ground for opposition.
 - the situation has just deteriorated further.
 - a high fat diet can improve athletes' performance.
 - drugs and alcohol can exacerbate depression.

Complete the sentences with your own ideas.

- Far from helping the environment, ...
- Far from being upset at losing my job, ...
- War, far from ... , ...
- The government measures, far from ... , ...

9 Battle or war

Choose the correct word.

- War / Battle had been looming for several months before it finally broke out.
- The warring / battling parties have called a temporary truce.
- The army is hoping the war / battle will be decisive in winning the war / battle.
- The violence erupted after weeks of mounting tension and the police fought several running wars / battles with the rioters.
- The country has been ravaged by war / battle, leaving it with almost no infrastructure.
- The government's fighting a losing war / battle against drug trafficking.
- The UN urged both sides to engage in dialogue in order to avert war / battle.
- It's a constant war / battle trying to get my children to eat their vegetables.
- The government has lost the war / battle of ideas and now it looks as if it'll lose the election.
- I had to have a real war / battle with the airline to get compensation for the luggage they lost.