

USING A VERB ENTRY

Adverbs

- 1 In each of the following sentences one of the adverbs in *italics* is not a common collocate of the verb in **bold**. Decide which it is and cross it out. Use the entry for the **bold** verb to help you.

- a She **argued** *fiercely/heatedly/hotly* about her right to compensation.
- b They will *fiercely/heatedly/passionately* **defend** their rights.
- c He **grinned** *owlishly/sheepishly/wolfishly* at her.
- d He *blankly/categorically/flatly* **denies** that he has committed a crime.
- e His frugal lifestyle **contrasted** *brutally/markedly/starkly* with his wife's extravagance.
- f Her tragic story *brutally/markedly/starkly* **illustrates** how vulnerable children can be.

Verb + ...

- 2 Complete each of these sentences with a verb phrase from the box. You may need to change the form of the verb. Use the entries for the **bold** verbs to help you.

be determined to ~~be happy to~~ can afford to fail to hasten to offer to serve to take steps to

- a I was happy to **accept** the invitation to become patron of the charity.
- b The company was fined when it _____ **comply** with the regulations.
- c These unanswered questions _____ **highlight** the potential problems.
- d I _____ **add** that my knowledge of computers is pretty basic.
- e We must _____ **ensure** that such a disaster can never happen again.
- f The governor _____ **resign** when the affair became public.
- g She _____ **fight** for her rights.
- h Few patients _____ **pay** the full cost of treatment.

Prepositions

- 3 The following sentences can be completed using just three different prepositions. Use the entries for the **bold** verbs to help you.

- a Unfortunately, the plan **backfired** on me.
- b He had to **testify** _____ a colleague suspected of fraud.
- c I don't feel I can **comment** _____ their decision.
- d I think you must be **mistaking** me _____ someone else.
- e She was **treated** _____ sunstroke.
- f The prosecution lawyers have been trying to **prejudice** the jury _____ him.
- g He accused them of **plotting** _____ him.
- h We have **collaborated** _____ many projects over the years.
- i I would **advise** _____ drinking alcohol while taking this medicine.
- j National leaders **appealed** _____ calm.

Phrases

- 4 Match the two halves of these verb phrases. Then use the phrases to complete the sentences below. You may need to change the forms of the verbs. Use the entries for the **bold** verbs to help you.

drink	and pray
hire	and forget
forgive	and drive
hope	and turn
mix	and match
toss	and groan

- a** The message to drivers is simple: don't drink and drive .
b Managers have the power to _____ workers.
c I spent all night _____, unable to sleep.
d You can _____ different patterns to create your own design.
e I was _____ that she was safe and unhurt.
f After all he had done to her, she wasn't about to _____.

crack	for breath
grin	to a halt
dawn	from ear to ear
pause	bright and cold
brake	under the strain

- g** The car _____ outside the station.
h You need to get some rest before you _____.
i The next morning _____.
j Katy was clearly pleased about something: she was _____.
k Jack went on arguing, barely _____.

Collocations of phrasal verbs

- 5 Complete the following story with words and phrases from the boxes. For each gap you will need to decide whether the missing word/phrase is an adverb, a verb or a preposition. You may need to change the forms of the verbs. Use the phrasal verbs sections of the **bold** verb entries to help you.

I had been left to **fend for myself** in the desert, completely **cut off** _____ the rest of the world. The sun beat down and I was terribly thirsty. The water holes had **dried up** _____ and I _____ to **rely on** cacti _____ water. I _____ **hang on** _____ my sanity, **clinging** _____ to the hope that I would find my way out alive. I **pressed on** _____ my attempt to find water but was becoming weary. I kept walking and then _____ **stumbled across** an oasis. I _____ **burst into** loud cries of joy. There was water and trees that **blocked out** the sun _____. I lay down in the shade and _____ **drifted off** _____ sleep. I **woke up** _____ a start and looked around me. The oasis was gone – it had been an illusion! All around me was desert and the sun was beginning to rise...

adverbs

by chance
completely
completely
desperately
instantly
slowly

verbs

be forced to
~~be left to~~
try to

prepositions

from
for
to
to
with
with

