

KEY TO THE STUDY PAGES

S2 ideas into words

- 1 **a** constructive, positive **b** wacky **c** crackpot, crazy, mad, outlandish, wild **d** half-baked **e** grandiose
- 2 **a** come up with, dream up, hit on/upon, produce, think up **b** contribute, moot (*esp. BrE*), propose, put forward **c** promote, push (forward), sell **d** consider, entertain, flirt with, mull over, toy with, turn over **e** bounce around, bounce off sb, brainstorm, discuss, explore, talk about
- 3 **a** come into sb's brain/head/mind, come to sb, flash through sb's brain/mind, hit sb, occur to sb, pop into sb's head, strike sb **b** flow **c** emerge, evolve, form, grow **d** work (out) **e** come to nothing
- 4 the germ of an idea

S3–5 using a noun entry

Adjectives

- 1 a bewildering array of goods, a biting wind, a burning ambition, a convincing win, driving rain, a fighting chance, a gaping chasm, a staggering sum of money, a shining example, a crushing defeat, a haunting melody, a nagging pain, a piercing scream, a running battle, a sprawling suburb, a sweeping statement

Quantifiers

- 2 **a** wisps of cloud **b** series/spate of attacks **c** bouts of depression **d** snatch of their conversation **e** stream of traffic **f** pack of stray dogs **g** hoots/howls of laughter **h** cloves of garlic **i** pang of guilt **j** glimmer of hope

Verb + ...

- 3 **a** got into/had an argument **b** clear/pay off his debts **c** came up with/put forward the suggestion **d** arrive at/draw any firm conclusions **e** agreed on/struck a deal **f** a meeting has been arranged/scheduled **g** accept/shoulder the blame **h** drummed/tapped his fingers **i** took/went on a trip **j** shade/shield my eyes

... + verb

- 4 the wine had *flowed freely* ... my head was *throbbing* ... my stomach was *churning* ... the wind *howled* ... the rain *lashed* against the window ... my nerves were *on edge* ... I heard the key *turn/turning* ... my heart began to *hammer* in my chest ... footsteps *echoed* on the stairs ... my mind was *racing* ... the bedroom door *creaked* open ... my eyes *accustomed/adjusted* to the darkness ... the man's mouth *fell* open

... + noun

- 5 **a** beach resort **b** leg room **c** protest rally **d** traffic accident **e** famine relief **f** display case **g** shelf space **h** junk mail **i** crime wave **j** night shift

Prepositions

- 6 **a** in agony **b** at a disadvantage **c** confusion over ... **d** above/over the noise **e** in writing **f** at speed **g** in self-defence/self-defense **h** in this rain **i** at (*BrE*)/on (*esp. AmE*)/over the weekend **j** skill at/in ...

Phrases

- 7 **a** ... and *lend* a sympathetic ear. **b** I just couldn't *keep* a straight face.
c ..., he *pressed* his nose up against the glass. **d** ...the first time I *set* eyes on her.
e They really *put* their hearts into the task. **f** If this report *falls* into the wrong hands
g ..., I *felt* sick to stomach. **h** ...I vowed never to *set* foot in the place again.
i You must learn to *keep* your mouth shut. **j** ...she just *held/put* her head in her hands and cried.

S6-7 using a verb entry**Adverbs**

- 1 **a** argued *fiercely/heatedly* **b** *fiercely/passionately* defend **c** grinned *sheepishly/wolfishly* **d** *categorically/flatly* denies **e** contrasted *markedly/starkly* **f** *brutally/starkly* illustrates

Verb + ...

- 2 **a** was *happy* to accept **b** *failed* to comply **c** *serve* to highlight **d** *hasten* to add
e *take steps* to ensure **f** *offered* to resign **g** *was determined* to fight
h *can afford* to pay

Prepositions

- 3 **a** backfired *on me* **b** *testify against* a colleague **c** *comment on* their decision
d *mistaking me for* someone else **e** *treated for* sunstroke
f *prejudice the jury against* him **g** *plotting against* him **h** *collaborated on* many projects
i *advise against* drinking alcohol **j** *appealed for* calm

Phrases

- 4 **a** drink and drive **b** hire and fire **c** tossing and turning **d** mix and match
e hoping and praying **f** forgive and forget **g** braked to a halt **h** crack under the strain
i dawned bright and cold **j** grinning from ear to ear **k** pausing for breath

Collocations of phrasal verbs

- 5 I had *been left to* fend for myself ... completely cut off *from* the rest of the world ...
 The water holes had dried up *completely* and I *was forced* to rely on cacti *for* water. I *tried to* hang on *to* my sanity, clinging *desperately* to the hope ... I *pressed on with* my attempt ... then *by chance* stumbled across an oasis. I *instantly burst into* loud cries of joy ... and trees that blocked out the sun *completely*. I lay down in the shade and *slowly drifted off to* sleep. I woke up *with a start* and I ...

S8-9 using an adjective entry**Verbs**

- 1 I nearly fell asleep. His mistake proved costly. The house smells damp. The house stood empty. The crowd grew impatient. The roads run parallel. His mistake passed unnoticed. The driver emerged unscathed.
 2 **a** *drove me crazy* **b** *held captive* **c** *set ablaze* **d** *rendered powerless* **e** *deemed unsuitable* **f** *beat the security guard senseless* **g** *regarded him as eccentric* **h** *jerked/ jolted me awake*

Adverbs

- 3 **a** *painfully* **b** *mutually* **c** *fiercely* **d** *distinctly* **e** *wildly* **f** *grossly*
 4 **a** *unduly concerned* **b** *justly proud* **c** *blissfully unaware*
d *conspicuously absent* **e** *depressingly familiar* **f** *outwardly composed*
g *eerily silent* **h** *downright dangerous*

Prepositions

- 5 **a** *damaging to* the government **b** *late for* school **c** *acquainted with* the new software
d *insistent on/upon* maintaining her privacy **e** *irresistible to* women
f *limited to two per person* **g** *conducive to* economic growth **h** *alarmed at/by* the latest crime statistics

Phrases

- 6 a alive and well b safe and sound c quick and easy d dazed and confused
 e ready and willing f neat and tidy g worried sick h wet through i thrilled to bits
 (BrE)/to pieces (AmE) j scared out of my wits/stiff/to death k bored out of our brains
 (AmE)/out of our minds/rigid (BrE)/silly (BrE)/stiff/to death/to tears

S10–11 collocations with common verbs

The answers to the first three of these exercises are to some extent subjective. The aim is to get you/your students thinking about how these verbs work. If, after working through the exercises, you/they feel more confident about this area of collocation and more familiar with some of these particular collocations, then the exercise has been successful.

- 1 **do** is the most usual verb for talking about tasks and duties, for example *do the dishes, do the food for a party, do your homework, do your job, do research, do the/ some shopping, do a translation, do the washing/laundry*; exceptions could include *make the bed, make dinner, make a photocopy; have a meeting; take an exam; give sth a polish*
- 2 **do**: *damage, exercise, experiment, launder, operate, research, search, shop, sketch, tour, translate, wash*
make: *argue, attempt, change, choose, connect, contribute, decide, film, guess, impact, impress, mark, note, progress, promise, sketch, speak, state, suggest*
have: *argue, bath/bathe, break, breakfast, chat, drink, feel, guess, holiday(BrE), impact, interest, look, meet, party, nap, shower, snack, swim, vacation(AmE)*
take: *act, bath/bathe, bite, break, breathe, decide, guess, holiday(BrE), look, nap, note, notice, photograph, risk, shower, sip, swim, vacation(AmE), walk, X-ray*
give: *advise, answer, credit, cry, help, hug, instruct, kiss, lecture, opine, order, perform, polish, prioritize, pull, push, shock, sigh, smile, speak, think, welcome*
- 3 **speaking**: *make a guess, make a promise, make a speech, make a statement, make a suggestion, have an argument, have a chat, have a guess, take a (phone) call, give a lecture, give your opinion, give an order, give a speech*
experiencing something *have an accident, have cancer, have a cold, have difficulty, have fun, have a heart attack, have an operation, have problems, have a shock, have trouble*
producing something using your hands, your mind or your skill *do the food for a party, do a report, do a sketch, do a translation, make dinner, make a cake, make a film/movie, make a sketch, take a picture/photo*
physical actions *do exercise, make a face, have a bath/shower, have a look, have a nap, have a swim, take a bath/shower, take a bite, take a deep breath, take a nap, take a pill, take a sip, take a swim, take a walk, give birth, give a cry of pain, give sb a hug, give sb a kiss, give sb a lift/ride, give sth a polish, give sth a pull, give sb a push, give a sigh, give a smile*
- 4 *do/take a course, do/take an exam, do/take French at school, do/make a sketch, make/take a decision, make/have/take a guess, make/have an impact, make/take notes, make/give a speech, have/take a bath/shower, have/take a break, have/take a holiday/vacation, have/take a look, have/give a party, have/take a nap, have/take a swim*
- 5/6 a have/take a **close** look b do/take a test c give us a **warm** welcome
 d have/take a nap e doing **odd** jobs f give **top** priority g have/take one more swim
 h gave a short laugh i took an **instant** dislike j make any **rash** promises
 k had/taken a **keen** interest l made her fortune m take (= a photo)/do (= a drawing, etc.) a picture n making a terrible racket o made a **lasting** impression
 p give the handle a **sharp** twist q have/make/take a **wild** guess r take the medicine
 s making/taking **copious** notes t do/make a documentary

natural disasters

- a The famine has already *claimed* thousands of victims.
- b The president visited the affected region in the *immediate* aftermath of the hurricane.
- c Rescue *workers* are still looking for survivors.
- d A massive relief *effort* is underway.
- e Several villages have been *inundated* by the *severest* floods in decades.
- f The city was *struck* by a *massive* earthquake shortly after midnight.
- g The forest fires, *fanned* by warm winds, *raged* out of control for weeks.
- h The volcano, which had been *dormant* for 50 years, began *erupting* late last night.

criminal justice

a ~~sent to~~ remanded in (BrE), taken into custody b ~~did~~ made two arrests c ~~judged~~ found guilty d accused ~~with~~ of e ~~holds~~ carries a sentence f the judge ~~summarized~~ summed up g the jury ~~reported~~ returned a verdict h the original verdict was ~~squashed~~ overturned, quashed (esp.BrE), reversed, set aside, thrown out (esp. AmE)

education

- a He got *full/maximum/top* marks in the listening test.
- b I got a *failing/passing/winning* grade in math.
- c We have to do (BrE)/~~make~~/take a vocabulary test every Friday.
- d How many students have *joined/signed up for/undertaken* the course?
- e She was always *losing/missing/skipping*(AmE) classes – no wonder she *crashed/failed/flunked* (esp.AmE) the exam.
- f He suffers badly from exam *nerves/stress/worries*.
- g The teacher *made up/set/wrote* a difficult exam but *checked/graded* (AmE)/*marked*(BrE) it leniently.
- h We were supposed to *do/compose/write* an essay by Friday but I *delivered it/handed it in/turned it in* (esp.AmE) late.
- i I *attended/visited/went* to a lecture on Japanese cinema.
- j He went to Oxford where he *did/made/took* a degree *in/off/on* chemistry.

driving

- a We drove down a narrow *curving/windy/winding* road and got stuck behind a truck *carrying/dragging/hauling* timber.
- b I *finished/ran out of/used up* the petrol/gas and had to *hitch/hitch-hike/thumb a lift/ride* to the nearest garage.
- c There's always *busy/heavy/strong* traffic on the highway, so I usually take the *back/little/minor*(esp. BrE) roads.
- d The car *pulled down/pulled over/pulled up* by the side of the road where there was a free parking *room/place/slot*
- e I realized it was a *one-direction/one-way/single-way* street, so I had to *carry out/do/make* a U-turn.
- f She *began/started/switched* on the engine to warm up the car and then started *rubbing/scraping/scratching* the ice off the windscreen/windshield.
- g The demonstration brought/*reduced/slowed* traffic to a standstill, and some drivers began to *beep/bonk/honk* their horns in frustration.
- h The car in front *cut down/slowed down/sped down* in order to let a police car *overtake/pass/take over*.
- i I called a breakdown company to *haul away/pull away/tow away* my car as it had two *dead/empty/flat* tyres/tires.
- j A car suddenly *pulled out/ran out/started out* in front of me and I had to *hit/slam on/tread on* the brakes.

politics

elections

a rigging, election **b** led, polls **c** launch, campaign **d** ran, office

government

e passed, bill **f** impose, ban **g** announced, plans **h** ruled out, possibility **i** hold, referendum **j** commission, report

opposition

k launched, attack **l** renewed, call **m** facing, backlash

international issues

n honour/honor, promise, **o** deploy, forces **p** issued, ultimatum **q** call, ceasefire

jobs

- a** a high-powered job **b** repetitive work **c** a competitive salary **d** flexible hours
e her heavy workload **f** a short-term contract **g** a team meeting **h** a proven track record **i** in-house training **j** a skeleton staff
- a** apply for the job **b** take early retirement **c** came out on (*esp. BrE*), went on strike
d boost, enhance, improve your job prospects **e** fulfilling, reaching, realizing her full potential, handed in her notice **f** cancel, end, terminate her contract, missed several important deadlines **g** earn, make her living, achieved, fulfilled, realized her ambition **h** did a brief stint, do it for a living
- a** brief stint **b** full potential **c** job prospects **d** wealth of experience

money

- a** an awful lot of money **b** doubled in value **c** go up in, increase in, rise in price
d facing financial ruin **e** lead to, mean, spell economic ruin **f** starting salary
g went bankrupt **h** on a fixed, limited, low, modest, shoestring, small, tight budget
i incurred, made, suffered, sustained, took a loss on the deal **j** arranged, got, obtained, raised (*esp. BrE*), took out a large bank loan; had great difficulty paying it off/back **k** surge in demand; the company's stock has hit, reached an all-time, an historic, a new, a record high **l** lost, made a fortune on the stock market.
m placing, putting a strain on the company's finances.
- a** small change **b** small fortune **c** healthy bank balance **d** take-home pay **e** false economy