

A Complete each sentence with an adjective from the list on the left and a preposition from the list on the right. You must use each adjective once only but you can use each preposition more than once.

accustomed	capable	good	relevant
afraid	dependent	jealous	responsible
ashamed	famous	proud	sensitive
aware	full	ready	typical

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- 1 She was _____ her friend because she had a better dress.
- 2 The waste paper bin was _____ crumpled sheets of paper.
- 3 This computer is _____ producing sophisticated graphics.
- 4 The town is especially _____ its elegant architecture.
- 5 I felt very _____ making such a stupid mistake.
- 6 After weeks of preparation the hall is nearly _____ the grand opening.
- 7 Could you add this up for me? I'm not very _____ maths.
- 8 Who is _____ writing those words on the wall?
- 9 She was so _____ her nephew's achievement that she couldn't stop talking about it.
- 10 It took some time to get _____ the slower pace of life in the country after the frantic atmosphere of the town.
- 11 We try to eat food which is _____ the region in which we are travelling.
- 12 Are you _____ any reason why he should be late?
- 13 They built nuclear power stations so as not to be _____ coal as their main source of energy.
- 14 This is not really _____ our discussion so can we get back to the main point of the meeting?
- 15 He sleeps with the light on because he's _____ the dark.
- 16 Be careful what you say to Scott. He's very _____ criticism and sulks for days.

B Complete each group of collocations with the correct preposition.

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| <p>1 accustomed _____ peace and quiet
getting up late
so much noise</p> | <p>9 good _____ her job
adding up
English</p> |
| <p>2 afraid _____ the dark
making a mistake
saying something silly</p> | <p>10 jealous _____ what other people do
her rich friends
his English!</p> |
| <p>3 ashamed _____ yourself
what I've done
doing a thing like that</p> | <p>11 proud _____ her grandson
his work
what he's done</p> |
| <p>4 aware _____ a strange smell
people staring
looking rather untidy</p> | <p>12 ready _____ anything
bed
the next question</p> |
| <p>5 capable _____ high speeds
working fast
anything!</p> | <p>13 relevant _____ the argument
our discussion
the problem</p> |
| <p>6 dependent _____ imports
how he feels
what happens</p> | <p>14 responsible _____ the equipment
making a mess
France and Italy</p> |
| <p>7 famous _____ its museums
making pottery
his paintings</p> | <p>15 sensitive _____ that detergent
any movement
criticism</p> |
| <p>8 full _____ pride
fun
dark blue liquid</p> | <p>16 typical _____ the region
the way he acts
people who ...</p> |

Test yourself from time to time by covering the words that follow each adjective. How many collocations can you remember?

A Complete each sentence with an adjective from the list on the left and a preposition from the list on the right. You must use each adjective once only but you can use each preposition more than once.

absent	keen	short	suspicious
better	late	similar	terrible
guilty	opposed	sorry	terrified
harmful	satisfied	suitable	tired

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- 1 Because of the flu epidemic many staff were _____ work.
- 2 They were _____ strangers so they kept following us around and watching what we were doing.
- 3 I feel really _____ her because she has to do all the work while the others go out and enjoy themselves.
- 4 They won't be _____ just a small party! They'll want to invite every single one of their friends!
- 5 I must hurry or I'll be _____ work.
- 6 She's never been very _____ going to meetings so I wouldn't be surprised if she doesn't turn up.
- 7 The jury found him _____ robbing the bank.
- 8 We're totally _____ the road-widening scheme and will fight it all the way.
- 9 She's much _____ driving than he is.
- 10 I'm a bit _____ money at the moment so could you pay?
- 11 She's not really _____ this job. We wanted someone with more experience.
- 12 This incident is very _____ what happened yesterday except that it was later on in the day.
- 13 She wouldn't tell her father because she was _____ what he might do if he lost his temper.
- 14 I can recognise faces but I'm _____ remembering names!
- 15 He got _____ hearing the same old excuses, day after day.
- 16 Some chemicals are _____ the environment because they kill beneficial insects.

B Complete each group of collocations with the correct preposition.

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|-------------|-------|---|---------------|-------|---|
| 1 absent | _____ | school
work
the meeting | 9 short | _____ | money
breath
time |
| 2 better | _____ | sport than me
<i>explaining</i> things
maths | 10 similar | _____ | my dress
what I saw
the one I've got |
| 3 guilty | _____ | <i>wasting</i> time
murder
<i>not listening</i> | 11 sorry | _____ | yourself
what I said
<i>being</i> late |
| 4 harmful | _____ | people with asthma
certain insects
the environment | 12 suitable | _____ | handicapped people
children
the time of year |
| 5 keen | _____ | football
<i>making</i> models
fashion | 13 suspicious | _____ | strangers
everything he says
people who ask questions |
| 6 late | _____ | the meeting
work
school | 14 terrified | _____ | <i>missing</i> the train
what he'll do
<i>being</i> alone |
| 7 opposed | _____ | this scheme
<i>paying</i> so much
<i>wasting</i> more money | 15 terrible | _____ | maths
<i>spelling</i>
<i>remembering</i> names |
| 8 satisfied | _____ | the result
what I've done
how things went | 16 tired | _____ | this weather
<i>eating</i> this stuff
<i>waiting</i> |



Test yourself from time to time by covering the words that follow each adjective. How many collocations can you remember?

A Complete each sentence with the correct form of one of the verbs below and the preposition *from* or *on*. Use each verb once only.

borrow	depend	insist	rely
concentrate	differ	operate	resign
congratulate	economise	prevent	retire
decide	escape	recover	suffer

- 1 She _____ her job after she was offered another with more responsibility and a higher salary.
- 2 He might come. It will _____ how he feels.
- 3 You must _____ the road when you're driving!
- 4 He got very annoyed and _____ seeing the manager.
- 5 The surgeon _____ her immediately and saved her life.
- 6 I decided to _____ my job early even though it meant I wouldn't get such a good pension.
- 7 It will take her weeks to _____ such a major operation so she won't be back at work for some time.
- 8 We had security men on the door to _____ unwanted guests _____ getting into the party.
- 9 I've sent her a card to _____ her _____ passing her test.
- 10 The bank wouldn't lend me the money so I had to _____ it _____ my parents.
- 11 This design _____ slightly _____ the first one I showed you.
- 12 I _____ backache so I have to go to a physiotherapist once a week.
- 13 After weeks of discussion they've finally _____ the new colour scheme for the staff canteen.
- 14 They managed to _____ the prison by bribing a guard.
- 15 You can _____ Frances to keep you up to date with all the latest gossip.
- 16 With less money coming, we'll have to _____ food and other necessities.

B Now put the correct preposition in each group of collocations.

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| 1 | borrow (a book) | _____ | the library
my parents
a friend of his | 9 | insist | _____ | good service
<i>seeing her</i>
punctuality | | |
| 2 | concentrate | _____ | your work
<i>driving</i>
what I'm doing | 10 | operate | _____ | a patient | | |
| 3 | congratulate |  | _____ | his results
her success
<i>winning</i> | 11 | prevent |  | _____ | <i>doing something</i>
<i>leaving</i>
<i>cheating</i> |
| 4 | decide | _____ | a colour scheme
which to choose
the (blue) one | 12 | recover | _____ | a cold
a serious illness
a nasty shock | | |
| 5 | depend | _____ | imports
how I feel
if I have time | 13 | rely | _____ | every employee
you
the bus service | | |
| 6 | differ | _____ | the others
what I expected
what I wanted | 14 | resign | _____ | the committee
his job | | |
| 7 | economise | _____ | fuel
electricity
food | 15 | retire | _____ | work at 65 | | |
| 8 | escape | _____ | prison
this routine
the crowd | 16 | suffer | _____ | a headache
toothache
a bad cold | | |

Notice when you need an *-ing* form of the verb. This is important in the exam.






A Complete each sentence with the correct form of one of the verbs below and the preposition of, for, in or to. Use each verb once only.

accuse	belong	hope	search
apologise	blame	object	specialise
approve	consist	pay	succeed
believe	forgive	remind	thank

- 1 The test I took _____ two written papers and an interview.
- 2 I've kept the luggage label as a souvenir to _____ me _____ the wonderful holiday we had.
- 3 After taking a general course she decided to _____ tropical medicine.
- 4 After trying for an hour I finally _____ starting the car.
- 5 Where will I find the money to _____ a new suit?
- 6 That coat _____ Andrew and this is Ricky's.
- 7 Some guests have _____ having to pay extra to use the swimming pool. I'm not surprised they're annoyed!
- 8 Army helicopters were brought in to help _____ the missing children.
- 9 I had never _____ ghosts until I stayed at a mysterious old house in the country.
- 10 He wrote a letter _____ all the trouble he had caused and asking her to forgive him.
- 11 He's the person in charge. I _____ him _____ the mix-up.
- 12 From the way she spoke you could tell that she didn't _____ the arrangements for the wedding.
- 13 I don't think I'll ever _____ her _____ making me look such a fool in front of all those people.
- 14 The policeman _____ him _____ breaking into the house, but he said he could prove he had been somewhere else.
- 15 Let's _____ the best. You never know – the weather might clear up.
- 16 I'd just like to _____ you _____ your help. I couldn't have managed without you.

B Now put the correct preposition in each group of collocations.

Pay careful attention to the expressions which are followed by the *-ing* form of the verb.

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| 1 | accuse  | _____ murder
breaking in
not caring | 9 | hope | _____ the best
a good result
better luck next time! |
| 2 | apologise | _____ my mistake
being late
forgetting | 10 | object | _____ the by-pass
paying extra
using my phone |
| 3 | approve | _____ all-night TV
his friends
smoking | 11 | pay | _____ the meal
having my car fixed
wasting so much time |
| 4 | believe | _____ healthy exercise
eating well
ghosts | 12 | remind  | _____ my holiday
the time we ...
something |
| 5 | belong | _____ my dog
a friend of mine
everyone | 13 | search | _____ the solution
the missing children
somewhere to stay |
| 6 | blame  | _____ the disaster
what happened
getting angry | 14 | specialise | _____ fast food
commercial French
selling furniture |
| 7 | consist | _____ two parts
three sections
five papers | 15 | succeed | _____ my attempts to ...
meeting her
passing my exam |
| 8 | forgive  | _____ what he did
leaving me
not asking | 16 | thank  | _____ the present
your help
coming |

Cover the verb and see whether you can remember it by just looking at the preposition.

A In this exercise you must complete each sentence with a suitable verb and preposition from the lists below. You may use each verb or preposition more than once. Make sure you use the correct form of the verb!

catch	lose	pay	take
keep	make	put	

of	on	to
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- 1 She _____ advantage _____ her father's good mood and asked if her boyfriend could stay for dinner.
- 2 Was anybody _____ attention _____ what she was saying?
- 3 Could you _____ care _____ our dog while we're on holiday?
- 4 She _____ charge _____ the project when Mr East was away.
- 5 I've _____ count _____ the number of times he's said that.
- 6 Could you _____ an eye _____ the washing while I'm out?
- 7 I wish she wouldn't _____ such a fuss _____ her nephew! You can see he really hates it!
- 8 _____ no notice _____ him! He's just showing off!
- 9 The salesman started to _____ pressure _____ her to sign the agreement straightaway.
- 10 While I was watching the match, I _____ sight _____ them standing at the back of the crowd.
- 11 We must _____ a stop _____ all this arguing.
- 12 Don't forget you'll have to _____ tax _____ that money you earned, so you're not as rich as you thought you were!
- 13 Bill _____ great exception _____ Mary's remark and didn't speak to her for the rest of the day.
- 14 My new supervisor was so bossy that I _____ an instant dislike _____ him

Study Tip

Look back at the exercise and underline the complete word partnership in each sentence (for example, catch sight of someone).

B Complete the first column with partnerships from the exercise on page 14 or these four expressions:

make sense

play a trick

set fire

take pity

Space has been left for you to add your own partnerships.

PHRASE	MEANING
1 _____	of benefit while you can
2 _____	of look after
3 _____	of be in control
4 _____	of not remember how many
5 _____	of hug, kiss, give presents etc.
6 _____	of ignore
7 _____	of understand
8 _____	of see suddenly
9 _____	on watch, check now and again
10 _____	on feel very sorry for
11 _____	on try to persuade
12 _____	on give money to the government!
13 _____	on deceive
14 _____	to listen carefully
15 _____	to start something burning
16 _____	to not allow to continue
17 _____	to immediately dislike
18 _____	to be very upset about
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Test yourself later by covering the phrases on the left in the first column and looking at the definitions on the right. Can you remember which partnership belongs to each definition?

A Complete each sentence with the correct form of *make* or *take* and one of the prepositions below. You may use each preposition more than once.

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- 1 He's very shy so it's not easy to _____ friends _____ him.
- 2 I've still got to _____ all the arrangements _____ the party next weekend.
- 3 He refused to _____ all the credit _____ the success and said that it had been a team effort.
- 4 Many local people have _____ an active interest _____ our plans to bring live music back to the town.
- 5 For the first few months he _____ great pride _____ showing people around his new house.
- 6 I watched a comedy programme to try and _____ my mind _____ what had happened.
- 7 Why should I _____ the blame _____ the mix-up?
- 8 We've moved the wardrobe to _____ room _____ an extra bed.
- 9 We don't _____ a charge _____ repairs if the item is still under guarantee.
- 10 She's agreed to _____ part _____ next month's show.
- 11 I finally _____ contact _____ him at his New York office.
- 12 She's _____ a remarkable recovery _____ her illness.
- 13 The cars pulled over to the side of the road to _____ way _____ the ambulance.
- 14 I took her to an expensive restaurant to _____ amends _____ forgetting her birthday.

Underline the complete word partnership in each sentence above.

Study Tip

There are a lot of word partnerships that include the verbs *make* and *take*. This means that there could be a question in Paper 3 (Use of English) with an expression using either of these two words.

B Below you will see a list of word partnerships with *make* and *take*. Most are from the exercise opposite but some more have been added. Supply the missing preposition in each case.

Choose from *at, for, from, in, off* and *with*.

Space has been left for you to add any more partnerships that you find.

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| 1 | You make amends | _____ | the trouble you caused. |
| 2 | You make an application | _____ | a job as a secretary. |
| 3 | You make arrangements | _____ | the party next week. |
| 4 | You make a charge | _____ | repairing the broken door. |
| 5 | You make contact | _____ | a customer by email. |
| 6 | You make friends | _____ | other members of the class. |
| 7 | You make a recovery | _____ | a serious illness. |
| 8 | You make room | _____ | an extra person at the table. |
| 9 | You make way | _____ | someone in a hurry. |
| 10 | You take the blame | _____ | what went wrong. |
| 11 | You take the credit | _____ | making the party a success. |
| 12 | You take an interest | _____ | the project. |
| 13 | You take a look | _____ | some important papers. |
| 14 | You take your mind | _____ | what happened. |
| 15 | You take part | _____ | a competition. |
| 16 | You take great pleasure | _____ | presenting her with her prize. |
| 17 | You take pride | _____ | showing the model you've made. |
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A Match each noun on the left with a verb on the right. Use each word once only. Write your answers in the boxes provided.

Exercise 1

- 1 an accident
- 2 a dog
- 3 a heart
- 4 snow
- 5 the sun
- 6 a sweater
- 7 a team
- 8 a telephone
- 9 time
- 10 water

- a barks
- b beats
- c boils
- d falls
- e fits
- f happens
- g loses
- h passes
- i rings
- j shines

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Exercise 2 Now do the same with these words.

- 1 a band
- 2 a car
- 3 a carton of milk
- 4 a colour
- 5 a crowd
- 6 a fire
- 7 a nose
- 8 a patient
- 9 a plane
- 10 a ship

- a burns
- b fades
- c gathers
- d itches
- e lands
- f leaks
- g plays
- h recovers
- i sails
- j skids

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**Now write sentences using the partnerships you have made.
Can you think of any more verbs that can follow the nouns above?**

**B Put each of the following nouns once only in a suitable partnership.
Put another verb with each noun. (For help, look at the opposite page.)**

a band	a dog	a plane	a sweater
a car	a fire	a ship	a team
a colour	a heart	snow	time
a crowd	a nose	the sun	water

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| 1 | _____ rises
sets
_____ | 9 | _____ crashes
starts
_____ |
| 2 | _____ grows
cheers
_____ | 10 | _____ practises
wins
_____ |
| 3 | _____ drifts
melts
_____ | 11 | _____ freezes
flows
_____ |
| 4 | _____ floats
sinks
_____ | 12 | _____ growls
bites
_____ |
| 5 | _____ crashes
flies
_____ | 13 | _____ performs
rehearses
_____ |
| 6 | _____ pounds
breaks!
_____ | 14 | _____ clashes
matches
_____ |
| 7 | _____ stretches
shrinks
_____ | 15 | _____ bleeds
runs
_____ |
| 8 | _____ spreads
glows
_____ | 16 | _____ flies
drags
_____ |

A Match each verb on the left with a noun on the right. Some verbs can be followed by more than one noun but you must use each word once only. Write your answers in the boxes provided.

Exercise 1

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| 1 catch | a breakfast |
| 2 change | b your breath |
| 3 do | c your own business |
| 4 give | d a corner |
| 5 have | e (me) a favour |
| 6 hold | f fire |
| 7 mind | g house |
| 8 move | h your mind |
| 9 take | i permission |
| 10 turn | j place |

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Exercise 2 Now do the same with these words.

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| 1 do | a evidence |
| 2 give | b an example |
| 3 have | c fun |
| 4 keep | d home |
| 5 lead | e a mistake |
| 6 leave | f a seat |
| 7 make | g the truth |
| 8 set | h the washing-up |
| 9 take | i watch |
| 10 tell | j the way |

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Now write sentences using the partnerships you have made.

B Put each of the following verbs once only in a suitable partnership. Put another noun with each verb. (For help, look at the opposite page.)

catch	do	have	keep	leave	set	tell
change	give	hold	lead	make	take	turn

1 _____ the page
 _____ the handle

2 _____ a meeting
 _____ my hand

3 _____ your time
 _____ her temperature

4 _____ a message
 _____ a space

5 _____ advice
 _____ an interview

6 _____ a headache
 _____ a shower

7 _____ progress
 _____ a noise

8 _____ a bus
 _____ a cold

9 _____ your homework
 _____ the ironing

10 _____ lies
 _____ a story

11 _____ a light bulb
 _____ trains

12 _____ a secret
 _____ a diary

13 _____ some homework
 _____ the alarm

14 _____ a quiet life
 _____ the world in ...

Study Tip

The four verbs *give*, *have*, *make* and *take* form many partnerships so it is worth noting down any new expressions you meet.

Write a sentence for each of the expressions.

This will help you to remember what they mean and how they are used.

A In this exercise you will see sentences which include a verb in capital letters. You have to fill each blank with the antonym (opposite) of that verb. Choose from the list of verbs below. Use each verb once only and make sure you use the correct form of the verb.

accept	deny	hit	miss
attack	fail	keep	nod
borrow	forget	lengthen	tighten
catch	hide	lower	weaken

- 1 He refused to CONFIRM or _____ the report.
- 2 I _____ the bus this morning so I'll get there early tomorrow to make sure I CATCH it.
- 3 He _____ his head if he agreed and SHOOK it if he didn't.
- 4 They've RAISED a few prices and _____ some others.
- 5 Do you really expect her to _____ her promise after she's BROKEN so many others?
- 6 He was the only one who _____ my offer after all the others had REJECTED it.
- 7 I'll THROW the ball and you can _____ it.
- 8 Only one bullet _____ the target. All the others MISSED.
- 9 I can REMEMBER where it was I met her but I've _____ when.
- 10 Rather than _____ the lunch break, they want to SHORTEN it.
- 11 The first time I took my driving test, I _____. In fact, I only PASSED at the fourth attempt.
- 12 We were supposed to _____ our feelings and not SHOW any emotion, whatever happened.
- 13 He thought he was _____ the mechanism but in fact he was LOOSENING it.
- 14 Their forwards were _____ the goal so almost the whole team raced back to DEFEND it.
- 15 The crisis hasn't _____ her resolve, but STRENGTHENED it instead.
- 16 I would prefer to LEND money rather than _____ it.

B Put an antonym in each blank. Use the verbs below for the new partnerships (as well as the words on page 22).

complicate

enter

lose

save

Space has been left for you to add more examples of your own.

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| 1 accept | _____ | an offer |
| 2 attack | _____ | a proposal |
| 3 break | _____ | a promise |
| 4 catch | _____ | a bus |
| 5 confirm | _____ | a statement |
| 6 fail | _____ | a test |
| 7 gain | _____ | confidence |
| 8 leave | _____ | a building |
| 9 lend | _____ | money |
| 10 miss | _____ | the target |
| 11 nod | _____ | your head |
| 12 raise | _____ | prices |
| 13 remember | _____ | a name |
| 14 shorten | _____ | a skirt |
| 15 show | _____ | your feelings |
| 16 simplify | _____ | matters |
| 17 throw | _____ | a ball |
| 18 tighten | _____ | your grip |
| 19 waste | _____ | time |
| 20 weaken | _____ | an argument |

A Complete each sentence with an adjective which is opposite in meaning to the adjective in capital letters. Use an adjective from the list below. Use each adjective once only.

artificial	emotional	light	shallow
busy	exact	low	stale
calm	flexible	mild	superior
dark	gentle	rapid	worthless

- 1 The scarf looked black in _____ light, but here, in NATURAL light, I can see it's really dark blue.
- 2 I started swimming at the _____ end but I soon felt brave enough to go to the DEEP end.
- 3 I want the _____ figures, not APPROXIMATE ones!
- 4 Most days are QUIET but some can be very _____ .
- 5 When we sailed, the sea was _____ but it soon got very ROUGH.
- 6 He gave me a _____ smile, which made me feel very INFERIOR.
- 7 I always eat a _____ lunch because my personal trainer says that HEAVY meals are bad for you.
- 8 He got very _____ when he heard the news, but she stayed CALM.
- 9 We'll go swimming when it's _____ tide. The beach is completely covered at HIGH tide.
- 10 Why does he have such a RIGID attitude? If he were more _____ , I'm sure we could come to some kind of agreement.
- 11 The bread in this country goes _____ very quickly so we buy it FRESH every day.
- 12 At first, progress was _____ but later it became very SLOW as we met some unforeseen difficulties.
- 13 What had started out as a _____ breeze soon became a very STRONG wind.
- 14 One daughter had _____ hair while the other had FAIR hair.
- 15 The burglar took only the VALUABLE jewellery, leaving behind the _____ trinkets.
- 16 The weather this year has been extremely _____ compared to those SEVERE storms of last year.

B Put an antonym in each blank. Use these adjectives for the new partnerships:

considerable poor severe smooth

Space has been left for you to add more examples of your own.

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| 1 artificial | _____ | light |
| 2 calm | _____ | sea |
| 3 calm | _____ | response |
| 4 dark | _____ | skin |
| 5 deep | _____ | water |
| 6 exact | _____ | time |
| 7 flexible | _____ | policy |
| 8 good | _____ | health |
| 9 high | _____ | opinion |
| 10 light | _____ | meal |
| 11 mild | _____ | winter |
| 12 quiet | _____ | day |
| 13 rapid | _____ | progress |
| 14 rough | _____ | surface |
| 15 slight | _____ | change |
| 16 stale | _____ | food |
| 17 strong | _____ | taste |
| 18 strong | _____ | wind |
| 19 superior | _____ | quality |
| 20 valuable | _____ | painting |

A Match each adverb with one of the adjectives given. Use each item once only. Complete the sentences using the collocations you have found.

heavily _____
 completely _____
 highly _____
 vitally _____

insanely _____
 terribly _____
 bitterly _____
 conveniently _____

armed disappointed exhausted important jealous located profitable sorry

- I'm _____ but I'm afraid I've broken one of your cups.
- Rex was _____ of Kim's previous boyfriends and was always asking about them.
- The house is _____, a short walk from the city centre.
- We'd been looking forward to the trip and were _____ when it was called off.
- I must see the boss before he leaves this evening. It's _____ !
- Bill's been working hard all day so he's _____.
- The business was _____ and soon Sandra became a millionaire.
- The President arrived, surrounded by a group of _____ soldiers.

B Now do the same with these collocations.

eternally _____
 fully _____
 perfectly _____
 unbelievably _____

totally _____
 deeply _____
 widely _____
 keenly _____

available clear grateful insured interested shocked stupid unacceptable

- I left the window open and somebody got in and stole my handbag. How could I have been so _____ !
- The manager said his behaviour was _____ and fired him immediately.
- This product is _____ so you should have no difficulty buying it.
- Sam first went to a football match at the age of five and has been _____ in it since then.
- Jean's father made it _____ that he disapproved of her latest boyfriend.
- Make sure you're _____ before you go on holiday as hospital bills can be very high.
- I will be _____ for the help you gave me when I was trying to pass my exam.
- Words can't express how _____ we were at the news of his death.

C Look at each group of adjectives and, from the list below, choose an adverb to go in front of them. Use each adverb once only.

deeply	heavily	perfectly	strictly	totally
fully	highly	seriously	thoroughly	widely

- | | | | |
|----------|--|-----------|---|
| 1 | different
frank
_____ committed (to)
unacceptable
opposed (to) | 6 | infectious
probable
skilled
profitable
critical |
| 2 | confidential
limited
_____ forbidden
necessary
true | 7 | miserable
professional
ashamed
spoilt
unpleasant |
| 3 | automatic
aware
_____ justified
insured
comprehensive | 8 | ill
wrong
worried
injured
weakened |
| 4 | clear
happy
_____ understandable
safe
reasonable | 9 | disappointed
impressed
suspicious
shocked
religious |
| 5 | built
guarded
_____ armed
dependent (on)
influenced (by) | 10 | differing
accepted
known
available
respected |

Use this space to add more examples of adverb + adjective partnerships.

_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

A Match each verb with one of the adverbs given. Use each item once only. Complete the sentences using the collocations you have found. Use the verb in the correct tense.

grasp	_____
check	_____
work	_____
sigh	_____

fall	_____
_____	forget
_____	resemble
_____	misjudge

closely completely deeply firmly hard seriously sharply thoroughly

- I recognised Jane immediately as she _____ her mother.
- If you _____ enough, I'm sure you'll pass your exam.
- Sales of ice creams rose steadily during the summer and then _____ when the bad weather started.
- Oh no! I _____ about our wedding anniversary! My wife will kill me!
- Lynette _____ her daughter _____ by the hand and crossed the road.
- Before starting a climb, it's essential to _____ all your gear _____.
- When I asked what was wrong, Brian _____ and continued reading his paper.
- I _____ my boss's reaction. Instead of being pleased, he threatened to fire me!

B Now do the same with these collocations.

scream	_____
speak	_____
watch	_____
drink	_____

fail	_____
complain	_____
_____	recover
_____	recommend

bitterly clearly closely fully heavily hysterically miserably strongly

- After Jen left him, Ed began to _____. There were empty bottles everywhere.
- At the end of their holiday they _____ about the service at the hotel.
- I tried to convince my brother to lend me his car but, unfortunately, I _____.
- It was such a terrible accident that it's doubtful that she'll _____ from it.
- Now _____ and see if you can discover how the trick is done.
- The concert is bound to be popular so I would _____ buying your tickets as soon as possible.
- He didn't _____ very _____ so I wasn't able to catch everything he said.
- When they saw the snake, the children _____ and ran away in panic.

C Put one of the following adverbs with each group of verbs. Use each adverb once only.

clearly closely deeply firmly fully hard heavily seriously strongly thoroughly

1 approve
condemn
_____ encourage
recommend

6 breathe
think
feel _____
sigh

2 harm
underestimate
_____ think
misjudge

7 bleed
rain
borrow _____
drink

3 understand
explain
_____ appreciate
recover

8 discuss
inspect
revise _____
check

4 try
squeeze
think _____
work

9 see
remember
understand _____
speak

5 declare
control
reply _____
grasp

10 supervise
question
listen _____
watch

D Put each of the adverbs with a suitable verb in the list. Use each adverb once only. Space has been left for you to add other examples of adverb + verb partnerships.

1 actively badly distinctly
freely sincerely

_____ admit
_____ encourage
_____ hope
_____ need
_____ remember

2 conclusively faithfully favourably
fundamentally steadily

compare _____
differ _____
grow _____
promise _____
prove _____

A Complete each sentence with one of the phrases below. Use each phrase once only.

in common	in a moment	in public
in the end	in order	in silence
in a good mood	in pain	in tears
in ink	in the past	in time
in love	in pieces	in a whisper

- 1 I found her _____ after her boyfriend had walked out on her, so I tried to cheer her up.
- 2 He wasn't too happy at first but _____ we managed to persuade him.
- 3 In the exam you must write your answers _____, not **in pencil**, otherwise you'll be **in trouble!**
- 4 The dog was obviously _____ so the vet gave him an injection **in order to** stop it hurting so much.
- 5 They listened to him _____, and even after he'd finished, it was some time before anyone spoke.
- 6 _____ families used to stay together but nowadays they often live in different parts of the country.
- 7 If we hurry we might get to the station _____.
- 8 She looks confident but **in fact** she's never sung _____ before today.
- 9 They have so little _____ but **in spite of** this he's still going out with her.
- 10 **In addition to** the broken mirror, I found a vase lying _____ on the floor.
- 11 He should be back _____ so would you like to sit down and wait for him?
- 12 You could tell they were _____ by the way they walked along **hand in hand** and kept gazing into each other's eyes.
- 13 So as not to disturb anyone we had to speak _____ and I didn't catch everything that Clare said.
- 14 Dad seems to be _____ so why not ask him if you can borrow the car?
- 15 If you kept your files _____, you would be able to find information much more easily.

Underline all the expressions with *in* and notice how they are used in the sentences.

B Complete the column on the right to make phrases with *in*. Use phrases from page 30 as well as the following choices:

error fashion a hurry particular practice

Space has been left for you to add your own examples.

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|-----------|---|-----------|---------|
| 1 | We don't share any interests. We have nothing | in | _____ . |
| 2 | It was difficult but I finally did it. I did it | in | _____ . |
| 3 | I didn't want the others to hear. I spoke | in | _____ . |
| 4 | That was a mistake. It was sent to you | in | _____ . |
| 5 | This is what everyone is wearing. This dress is | in | _____ . |
| 6 | He's really cheerful. I wonder what's put him | in | _____ . |
| 7 | We got there before the train left. We arrived | in | _____ . |
| 8 | Slow down! You're always | in | _____ . |
| 9 | 'Keen on' is not strong enough. She's obviously | in | _____ . |
| 10 | You need a pen. Your answers must be | in | _____ . |
| 11 | He won't be long. He'll be here | in | _____ . |
| 12 | Keep your papers tidy. Keep them | in | _____ . |
| 13 | That's what happens nowadays. It was different | in | _____ . |
| 14 | It must hurt a lot. You can see she's | in | _____ . |
| 15 | I like pop music in general and rock music | in | _____ . |
| 16 | She says one thing in private and another | in | _____ . |
| 17 | It works in theory but I'm not sure it'll work | in | _____ . |
| 18 | The vase had been smashed. We found it | in | _____ . |
| 19 | Nobody spoke. They all listened | in | _____ . |
| 20 | She was crying her eyes out. I found her | in | _____ . |

Study Tip

Test yourself later and revise before the exam by covering the column on the right and checking how many expressions you can remember.

A Complete each sentence with one of the phrases below. Use each phrase once only.

on business	on the increase	on sale
on a diet	on his mind	on strike
on fire	on his own	on time
on foot	on the phone	on his way
on guard	on the radio	

- 1 Her latest hit is _____ in all good record shops.
- 2 He prepared the whole meal _____ – I offered to help, but he wanted to prove he could do it.
- 3 She spends hours _____ talking to all her friends.
- 4 I've never known this bus to arrive _____. **On average**, it arrives about five minutes late.
- 5 The staff threatened to go _____ if the management did not meet their demands.
- 6 It looks as if the whole building is _____. There are flames everywhere.
- 7 **On the other hand**, he could have something _____. He's not really concentrating on what he's doing.
- 8 We had to complete the journey _____ after the car ran out of petrol.
- 9 There was a soldier _____ at the main entrance so I took a photo of him in his uniform.
- 10 I was listening to some music _____ when there was a news flash about a plane crashing with a hundred passengers **on board**.
- 11 The latest figures show that crime is _____, especially in urban areas.
- 12 Ms Swanson is away _____ at the moment, visiting one of our agents, and unfortunately her secretary is away **on holiday**.
- 13 Jake was _____ to the office when the accident occurred.
- 14 It looks tempting but I won't have any dessert. I'm supposed to be _____.

Notice all the expressions with *on*. Once again, you see how important word partnerships are.

B Complete the column on the right with phrases with *on*. Use phrases from page 32 as well as the following choices:

the coast credit loan principle purpose trial

Space has been left for you to add your own examples.

- | | | | |
|-----------|--|-----------|---------|
| 1 | The trip is to do with my job. I'll be away | on | _____ . |
| 2 | Somebody's borrowed the book. It's out | on | _____ . |
| 3 | He doesn't need any help. He can do it | on | _____ . |
| 4 | He has to be careful what he eats. He's | on | _____ . |
| 5 | I can see flames. The building must be | on | _____ . |
| 6 | He's thinking about something. There's something | on | _____ . |
| 7 | The hall was well protected. There were soldiers | on | _____ . |
| 8 | She's going to walk. She's getting there | on | _____ . |
| 9 | She's got two years to pay. She's buying it | on | _____ . |
| 10 | His house is by the sea. He lives | on | _____ . |
| 11 | More people are being attacked. Violence is | on | _____ . |
| 12 | That was no accident! She did that | on | _____ . |
| 13 | I believe it's morally wrong. I wouldn't do it | on | _____ . |
| 14 | He's always ringing somebody up. He's always | on | _____ . |
| 15 | They took her to court. They put her | on | _____ . |
| 16 | They stopped work in protest. They all went | on | _____ . |
| 17 | You can still buy it. It's still | on | _____ . |
| 18 | The train arrived at 7.30 as expected. It came | on | _____ . |
| 19 | He's left home. He'll be here shortly. He's | on | _____ . |
| 20 | They broadcast his speech. I heard it | on | _____ . |

A Complete each sentence with one of the phrases below. Use each phrase once only.

out of breath	out of order
out of control	out of practice
out of date	out of the question
out of doors	out of reach
out of luck	out of sight
out of her mind	out of tune
out of necessity	out of work

- 1 The lift was _____ so we had to use the stairs.
- 2 I watched them until they went _____ behind a hedge.
- 3 It only takes one person to sing _____ and the whole performance is ruined.
- 4 This catalogue is _____ so the information about prices is no longer correct.
- 5 He says he's _____ but I don't think he was ever any good at tennis!
- 6 She's been _____ for over a year now and she's almost given up hope of ever finding a job.
- 7 I'm afraid you're _____ ! I sold the last copy five minutes ago.
- 8 The steering wouldn't work and the tractor went _____ and crashed into the wall.
- 9 Those children should be _____ , in the fresh air, rather than in here watching television.
- 10 It's _____ ! I can't possibly lend you any more!
- 11 You get _____ just climbing the stairs! You really must do some exercises to get fit.
- 12 It is essential to put all medicines _____ on a high shelf so that small children can't get to them.
- 13 Wendy's crazy. She must be _____ to think that she can get away with stealing all that money!
- 14 We had no choice and took a plane _____. We wouldn't have arrived on time otherwise.

B Complete the column on the right with phrases with *out of* from the exercise on page 34, or by using the following words:

danger debt fashion place print season

Space has been left for you to add your own examples.

- | | | | |
|-----------|--|---------------|---------|
| 1 | I'm so unfit. After any kind of effort I get | out of | _____ . |
| 2 | That's old news. That news is | out of | _____ . |
| 3 | I've repaid the money I owe so I'm finally | out of | _____ . |
| 4 | People wore that last year. This year it's | out of | _____ . |
| 5 | I couldn't steer the car properly. It was | out of | _____ . |
| 6 | We were safe. We were | out of | _____ . |
| 7 | Don't stay inside all day. Spend some time | out of | _____ . |
| 8 | There isn't any left. How unfortunate! You're | out of | _____ . |
| 9 | It doesn't belong there. It's | out of | _____ . |
| 10 | The lift doesn't work. It's | out of | _____ . |
| 11 | With all this unemployment, lots of people are | out of | _____ . |
| 12 | It was the only thing we could do. We did it | out of | _____ . |
| 13 | She's crazy! She must be | out of | _____ . |
| 14 | You won't find cherries now. They're | out of | _____ . |
| 15 | We can't possibly go! It's | out of | _____ . |
| 16 | She wasn't tall enough to get it. It was | out of | _____ . |
| 17 | The book isn't available any more. It's | out of | _____ . |
| 18 | The singing was awful. I'm sure somebody was | out of | _____ . |
| 19 | I can't see her. She's | out of | _____ . |
| 20 | I haven't played tennis for ages. I'm | out of | _____ . |

A Finish each expression with one of the nouns given and then use the expressions to complete the sentences. Use each item once only.

bar of _____

crowd of _____

block of _____

gust of _____

box of _____

pack of _____

bunch of _____

slice of _____

bread cards flats grapes matches soap spectators wind

- 1 I was walking up the hill when a _____ blew my hat off.
- 2 William nearly used up the whole _____ trying to light the fire.
- 3 As the two teams came on the pitch, the _____ started to cheer loudly.
- 4 I want to make some more toast, so could you cut me another _____ ?
- 5 No wonder he doesn't feel hungry. He's just eaten the entire _____ !
- 6 Sue was washing herself in the shower when the _____ slipped out of her hands.
- 7 The magician took the _____ and dealt them out face down on the table.
- 8 Mitch lives in that tall _____ opposite the station.

B Now do the same with these expressions.

bunch of _____

gang of _____

chain of _____

member of _____

cup of _____

packet of _____

flash of _____

set of _____

cigarettes coffee flowers instructions lightning shops staff thieves

- 1 I need to drink a _____ to wake myself up.
- 2 The bank was robbed by a _____ armed with shotguns.
- 3 During the storm a _____ struck the building, causing considerable damage.
- 4 That's the third _____ she's smoked today. She should really try to cut down.
- 5 The manager was not available, so another _____ had to deal with the customer.
- 6 When we started assembling the cupboard I couldn't make any sense of the _____ that came with the pieces.
- 7 Pamela picked a _____ from the garden and took them to her mother in hospital.
- 8 Barry has built up the business and now owns a _____ throughout the country.

C In each group, complete the expressions, using the words given. Use each word once only.

A

- 1 pot of _____
- 2 tube of _____
- 3 flock of _____
- 4 bar of _____
- 5 herd of _____
- 6 item of _____

news	birds	chocolate
cows	yoghurt	toothpaste

D

- 1 packet of _____
- 2 jar of _____
- 3 piece of _____
- 4 bunch of _____
- 5 set of _____
- 6 block of _____

flats	flowers	advice
crisps	tools	marmalade

B

- 1 row of _____
- 2 bouquet of _____
- 3 lump of _____
- 4 sheet of _____
- 5 pair of _____
- 6 party of _____

flowers	sugar	houses
paper	visitors	trousers

E

- 1 sigh of _____
- 2 chest of _____
- 3 pair of _____
- 4 way of _____
- 5 letter of _____
- 6 pinch of _____

relief	application	salt
sunglasses	life	drawers

C

- 1 loaf of _____
- 2 pair of _____
- 3 tin of _____
- 4 rate of _____
- 5 spell of _____
- 6 range of _____

soup	exchange	mountains
bread	scissors	bad weather

F

- 1 clap of _____
- 2 shower of _____
- 3 point of _____
- 4 piece of _____
- 5 spoonful of _____
- 6 standard of _____

rain	music	living
thunder	view	sugar

A Complete each phrase below with one of the following prepositions:

at

by

for

from

under

without

_____ accident	_____ first	_____ now on
_____ age	_____ guarantee	_____ present
_____ air	_____ the impression	_____ sale
_____ control	_____ instance	_____ times
_____ far	_____ least	_____ warning

B Now use each of the phrases above once only to complete the following sentences:

- 1 He was _____ that we were going out together. Whatever gave him that idea?
- 2 Is there anything non-alcoholic – orange juice _____ ?
- 3 I'm sure he broke the window _____. He can't have done it on purpose.
- 4 He usually travels _____ as it's much quicker.
- 5 _____ I hated maths but later I got quite keen on it.
- 6 She was _____ but she managed to get into the club because she looks much older than she really is.
- 7 The television is still _____ so there was no charge.
- 8 We saw a new house _____ at quite a reasonable price.
- 9 Suddenly, _____, the door burst open and she rushed in.
- 10 There aren't any vacancies _____ but there should be some in a week or two.
- 11 We expect _____ 200 people to turn up as there has been lots of publicity.
- 12 This is _____ the cheapest holiday we've ever been on. We usually pay much more.
- 13 Usually the heat doesn't bother me but _____ it can get pretty unbearable.
- 14 A new system starts today. _____ all latecomers have to wait in the canteen until the next lesson starts.
- 15 You must keep that dog _____ as we go across the fields or he'll chase after the sheep.

Complete each of the blanks with one word only.

By (1) _____ the most terrifying day of my life was the day I met my girlfriend's family. Her father (2) _____ to her going out with somebody he had never met and insisted (3) _____ meeting me to see if he approved (4) _____ his daughter's 'young man'.

I spent hours getting (5) _____ for the dreaded event. I spent so long trying to choose clothes suitable (6) _____ the occasion that I (7) _____ the bus and had to (8) _____ my way to my girlfriend's house (9) _____ foot.

I had been instructed to be there for afternoon tea at three o'clock, and as I did not want to be (10) _____ for this first meeting, I ran the last 500 metres. As I (11) _____ the corner of the street where her house was situated, I took a quick (12) _____ at my watch. It was five to three. I was there just (13) _____ time.

My girlfriend, Sandra, opened the door, startled to see me out of (14) _____ because I had been running. The family (15) _____ barked an unfriendly welcome at me but Sandra told me not to (16) _____ any attention as he was quite friendly really.

I'm sure my heart was (17) _____ twice as fast as I went into the house. I was shown into a room which was so dark that (18) _____ first it was impossible to make out who was inside. Gradually, I became (19) _____ of four figures standing by a table. They stared at me (20) _____ silence. There was no escape. I was doomed.

Study Tip

If you are using a course book to study for FCE, remember to keep looking through the texts you have studied and highlight or underline any useful collocations.