

Collocations

adjective and noun,
verb and adverb,
adverb and adjective, etc.

Definiton

- a familiar grouping of words - especially words that habitually appear together and thereby convey meaning by association

Collocation is derived from the Latin words
'Collocationem' *and*
'Collocatio'
which are noun forms of the Latin verb
means **'to arrange'**

Collocations

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Idioms

Collocations

Lexical units

Compositional

- at least one word in collocations does actually contribute to its meaning

Idioms

No lexical units

Non – compositional :

- their meaning is not directly derived from the words that compose them →

'Kick the bucket' → *no element actually means to die*

Types of collocation

- **Adverb + Adjective:** completely satisfied
- **Adjective + Noun:** excruciating pain
- **Noun + Noun:** a surge of anger
- **Noun + Verb:** lions roar
- **Verb + Noun:** commit suicide
- **Verb + Expression with preposition:** burst into tears
- **Verb + Adverb:** wave frantically

Quizzes



Adjective and Noun collocations

what is NOT possible?

- A. a heavy smoker
- B. heavy rain
- C. heavy metal
- D. a heavy problem

- A. fair hair
- B. a fair decision
- C. a fair beer
- D. a fair result

- A. a strong woman
- B. a strong exam
- C. a strong cheese
- D. a strong cigarette

- A. a rich company
- B. a rich desert
- C. a rich car
- D. a rich text file

Adverb and Adjective collocations

1. The cost of a new house in the UK has become _____ high over the last few years.

A. astronomically

B. totally

C. utterly

D. blandly

Adverb and Adjective collocations

2. After a warm start to the month, the weather in the second half of June was _____ cold.

- A. unfortunately
- B. unseasonably
- C. unpredictably
- D. astronomically

Adverb and Adjective collocations

3. After all her hard work, Martha was _____ disappointed when she got a grade B.

- A. painfully
- B. bitterly
- C. completely
- D. totally

Verb and adverb collocations

1. I'm sorry , I _____ forgot to pass your message on.
2. He _____ refused to help.
3. Could I _____ suggest it might be better to wait?
4. We _____ expect to make as much profit this year as last.

(confidently, tentatively, flatly, completely)

Why learn collocations?

- your language will be more natural and more easily understood
- you will have alternative and richer ways of expressing yourself
- it's easier to remember and use language in chunks rather than as single words