Advanced Collocations

Words that go together · C1 · Answers on the last page.

HOW IT WORKS

Collocations are words that naturally go together. Using them makes your English sound fluent and fluent and precise — learn them as whole units.

Verb + noun: make an effort · meet a deadline · take responsibility
Adjective + noun: a daunting task · a common misconception
Adverb + adjective: highly unlikely · deeply concerned

1 Verb + noun — match each verb (1–6) with the noun it collocates with (a–(a–f).

1	**meet**	☐	a	*a balance*
2	**raise**	☐	b	*a conclusion*
3	**draw**	☐	c	*awareness*
4	**strike**	☐	d	*responsibility*
5	**break**	☐	e	*a deadline*
6	**take**	☐	f	*a habit*

2 Adverb + adjective — complete with an adverb from the box.

ADVERBS

highly · deeply · bitterly · perfectly · widely · strongly

1 That result is _____ unlikely.

2 She was _____ disappointed by the news.

3 We are _____ concerned about the delay.

4 It is _____ accepted that exercise helps.

5 His request was _____ reasonable.

6 I _____ recommend this book.

3 Adjective + noun — choose the correct adjective.

1 Learning Chinese was a (daunting / afraid) task.

2 It's a (common / usual) misconception that we use 10% of our brain.

3 His victory was a (foregone / forward) conclusion.

4 There's a (steep / high) learning curve at first.

5 They finally reached a (mutual / double) agreement.

6 Poverty and crime can form a (vicious / angry) circle.

4 Verb + noun — complete with a verb from the box (correct form).

VERBS

pose · bear · take · meet · gain · pay

1 Climate change could _____ a serious threat.

2 Please _____ in mind that prices may change.

3 We must _____ into account everyone's views.

4 The company struggled to _____ demand.

5 Internships help young people _____ experience.

6 You should _____ attention to detail.

5 Find and correct the collocation mistake.

1 *I must do responsibility for the error.*

2 *She did a big effort to finish on time.*

3 *We need to reach to a compromise.*

4 *It is high unlikely to happen.*

5 *Please take attention to the instructions.*

Soluciones

Answer key.

1 · Verb + noun (match)

1 — e 2 — c 3 — b 4 — a 5 — f 6 — d
(meet a deadline · raise awareness · draw a conclusion · strike a balance · break a habit · take responsibility)

2 · Adverb + adjective

1 highly 2 bitterly 3 deeply 4 widely 5 perfectly 6 strongly

3 · Adjective + noun

1 daunting 2 common 3 foregone 4 steep 5 mutual 6 vicious

4 · Verb + noun (complete)

1 pose 2 bear 3 take 4 meet 5 gain 6 pay

5 · Error correction

1 take responsibility 2 made a big effort 3 reach a compromise
4 highly unlikely 5 pay attention