

# 2

## Collocations

As you study the vocabulary you need for FCE, you will soon realise that it's not enough to study single words. It's important to know how words combine with others to form partnerships, or collocations. This will help you to produce language of the level required to do well in the examination.

Collocations are important in every part of the examination, but your knowledge of them is especially tested in Paper 3 (Use of English).

In Part 2 of this paper you have to use one word to fill in a blank, for example:

Jimmy made his way to the station exit. This was the first time he had been to London **(10)** \_\_\_\_\_ his own and he was feeling a bit scared.

In this exercise you have to think of the word yourself. In Part 1, however, you are given a choice:

**10 A** by                    **B** for                    **C** on                    **D** in

The correct answer is **C** because the expression is *on his own*.

As you read through that extract, did you notice another useful collocation, *made his way*?

Collocations are also important in part 3 of the Use of English paper. You complete a sentence so that it means the same as the first sentence you are given, for example:

There must always be somebody with her.

**own**

She should not be left \_\_\_\_\_ at any time.

The answer is *on her own*.

Being aware of these partnerships will enable you to build up your vocabulary so that you can use it when you take your exam.

**2.3 Verb + preposition A**

Complete each sentence with the correct form of one of the verbs below and the preposition that is in brackets with each verb.

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|--------------|---------|---------|--------|
| concentrate  | depend  | insist  | reply  |
| congratulate | differ  | operate | reign  |
| congratulate | exhaust | operate | resist |
| decide       | escape  | recover | suffer |

- The \_\_\_\_\_ her job after she was offered another with more responsibility and a higher salary.
- The night train \_\_\_\_\_ how the bank.
- You must \_\_\_\_\_ the road when you're driving.
- He got very annoyed and \_\_\_\_\_ with the manager.
- The engineer \_\_\_\_\_ for immediately we need the lift.
- I decided to \_\_\_\_\_ my job only even though it wasn't exactly a good career.
- It will take her weeks to \_\_\_\_\_ with a major operation so she won't be back at work for several days.
- We had security men on the door to \_\_\_\_\_ unwanted guests \_\_\_\_\_ getting into the party.
- He will feel a bit \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ getting the bus.
- The bank wouldn't lend me the money so I had to \_\_\_\_\_ my parents.
- This design \_\_\_\_\_ right \_\_\_\_\_ the first time I showed you.
- \_\_\_\_\_ machine so I have to go to a post-graduate course a week.
- After weeks of discussion they've finally \_\_\_\_\_ the new colour scheme for the staff canteen.
- They managed to \_\_\_\_\_ the prison by bribing a guard.
- This city \_\_\_\_\_ famous to keep you up to date with all the latest gossip.
- With his money coming, we'll have to \_\_\_\_\_ food and other necessities.

**Exercise & Challenge**

Now put the correct preposition in each group of collocations.

- bores (b-bore) \_\_\_\_\_ the library    9 insist \_\_\_\_\_ good service
- concentrate \_\_\_\_\_ your work    10 operate \_\_\_\_\_ a patient
- congratulate \_\_\_\_\_ his results    11 prevent \_\_\_\_\_ doing something
- decide \_\_\_\_\_ a colour scheme    12 resist \_\_\_\_\_ a child
- depend \_\_\_\_\_ my parents    13 reply \_\_\_\_\_ a notice/letter
- differ \_\_\_\_\_ the streets    14 suffer \_\_\_\_\_ a nasty shock
- exhaust \_\_\_\_\_ what I expected    15 only \_\_\_\_\_ every employee
- operate \_\_\_\_\_ electricity    16 resist \_\_\_\_\_ the bus service
- escape \_\_\_\_\_ prison    17 suffer \_\_\_\_\_ the competition
- escape \_\_\_\_\_ his reaction    18 suffer \_\_\_\_\_ his job
- escape \_\_\_\_\_ the crowd    19 suffer \_\_\_\_\_ work at all
- operate \_\_\_\_\_ a headache
- operate \_\_\_\_\_ toothache
- operate \_\_\_\_\_ a bad cold

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

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

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.**

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

|                     |                  |                |               |
|---------------------|------------------|----------------|---------------|
| <b>borrow</b>       | <b>depend</b>    | <b>insist</b>  | <b>rely</b>   |
| <b>concentrate</b>  | <b>differ</b>    | <b>operate</b> | <b>resign</b> |
| <b>congratulate</b> | <b>economise</b> | <b>prevent</b> | <b>retire</b> |
| <b>decide</b>       | <b>escape</b>    | <b>recover</b> | <b>suffer</b> |

- 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.

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

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

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 |      |

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

- |    |                         |       |                                |
|----|-------------------------|-------|--------------------------------|
| 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 | a barks   |
| 2 a dog       | b beats   |
| 3 a heart     | c boils   |
| 4 snow        | d falls   |
| 5 the sun     | e fits    |
| 6 a sweater   | f happens |
| 7 a team      | g loses   |
| 8 a telephone | h passes  |
| 9 time        | i rings   |
| 10 water      | j shines  |

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### Exercise 2 Now do the same with these words.

- |                    |            |
|--------------------|------------|
| 1 a band           | a burns    |
| 2 a car            | b fades    |
| 3 a carton of milk | c gathers  |
| 4 a colour         | d itches   |
| 5 a crowd          | e lands    |
| 6 a fire           | f leaks    |
| 7 a nose           | g plays    |
| 8 a patient        | h recovers |
| 9 a plane          | i sails    |
| 10 a ship          | 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     |

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

**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

- |          |                     |
|----------|---------------------|
| 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             |

|    |  |
|----|--|
| 1  |  |
| 2  |  |
| 3  |  |
| 4  |  |
| 5  |  |
| 6  |  |
| 7  |  |
| 8  |  |
| 9  |  |
| 10 |  |

### Exercise 2 Now do the same with these words.

- |         |                  |
|---------|------------------|
| 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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|----|--|
| 1  |  |
| 2  |  |
| 3  |  |
| 4  |  |
| 5  |  |
| 6  |  |
| 7  |  |
| 8  |  |
| 9  |  |
| 10 |  |

**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.**

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

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**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.**

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

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**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.**

|               |                |                  |                   |                |
|---------------|----------------|------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| <b>deeply</b> | <b>heavily</b> | <b>perfectly</b> | <b>strictly</b>   | <b>totally</b> |
| <b>fully</b>  | <b>highly</b>  | <b>seriously</b> | <b>thoroughly</b> | <b>widely</b>  |

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

- |          |   |           |   |
|----------|---|-----------|---|
| <b>1</b> | approve<br>condemn<br>encourage<br>recommend<br>_____   | <b>6</b>  | breathe<br>think<br>feel<br>sigh<br>_____         |
| <b>2</b> | harm<br>underestimate<br>think<br>misjudge<br>_____     | <b>7</b>  | bleed<br>rain<br>borrow<br>drink<br>_____         |
| <b>3</b> | understand<br>explain<br>appreciate<br>recover<br>_____ | <b>8</b>  | discuss<br>inspect<br>revise<br>check<br>_____    |
| <b>4</b> | try<br>squeeze<br>think<br>work<br>_____                | <b>9</b>  | see<br>remember<br>understand<br>speak<br>_____   |
| <b>5</b> | declare<br>control<br>reply<br>grasp<br>_____           | <b>10</b> | supervise<br>question<br>listen<br>watch<br>_____ |

**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

- |       |                  |
|-------|------------------|
| _____ | <b>admit</b>     |
| _____ | <b>encourage</b> |
| _____ | <b>hope</b>      |
| _____ | <b>need</b>      |
| _____ | <b>remember</b>  |
| _____ | _____            |
| _____ | _____            |

**2** conclusively faithfully favourably  
 fundamentally steadily

- |                |       |
|----------------|-------|
| <b>compare</b> | _____ |
| <b>differ</b>  | _____ |
| <b>grow</b>    | _____ |
| <b>promise</b> | _____ |
| <b>prove</b>   | _____ |
| _____          | _____ |
| _____          | _____ |

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

|                       |                    |                     |
|-----------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| <b>in common</b>      | <b>in a moment</b> | <b>in public</b>    |
| <b>in the end</b>     | <b>in order</b>    | <b>in silence</b>   |
| <b>in a good mood</b> | <b>in pain</b>     | <b>in tears</b>     |
| <b>in ink</b>         | <b>in the past</b> | <b>in time</b>      |
| <b>in love</b>        | <b>in pieces</b>   | <b>in a whisper</b> |

- 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.**

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

### **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.**

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

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**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.**

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

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**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.