

APC English 2

collocations

vocabulary

what is a collocation?

a correct use of words together

- e.g. 'heavy rain' but not strong rain
- e.g. 'do exercise' but not make exercise

What is a collocation?

A collocation is a combination of two or more words that are commonly used together, in a way that sounds natural to a native English speaker

e.g. heavy rain, brand new, catch fire

common collocations

- Make a bed
- Take a shower
- Have breakfast
- Go to school
- Do homework
- Read a book
- Write a letter
- Listen to music
- Watch TV
- Meet a friend
- Eat lunch
- Drink coffee
- Play a game
- Visit a friend
- Use a computer
- Buy groceries
- Take a break
- Open a door
- Close a window
- Ask a question

1a Write the verbs in the correct spaces below.

have do get make go

1 shopping

2 out

3 to bed



4 a shower

5 breakfast

6 a rest



7 up

8 dressed

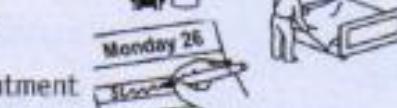
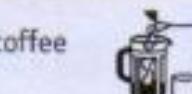
9 home



10 a cup of coffee

11 the bed

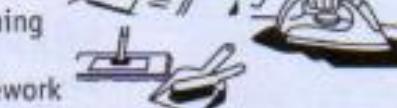
12 an appointment



13 my homework

14 the ironing

15 the housework



Exercise 2. sport collocations play, go or do ?

aerobics
athletics
badminton
basketball
boxing
cricket
cycling
football
golf
gymnastics

hockey
horse riding
ice hockey
ice skating
judo
karate
rowing
rugby
sailing
skiing

snowboarding
surfing
swimming
table tennis
taekwondo
tennis
volleyball
wrestling
yoga

Exercise 3 complete each sack from the top words to form collocations

a job
a drink
some exercise
a noise

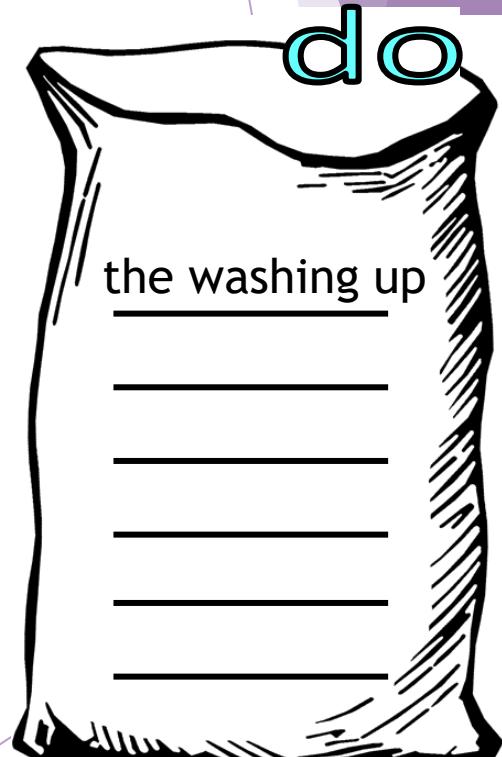
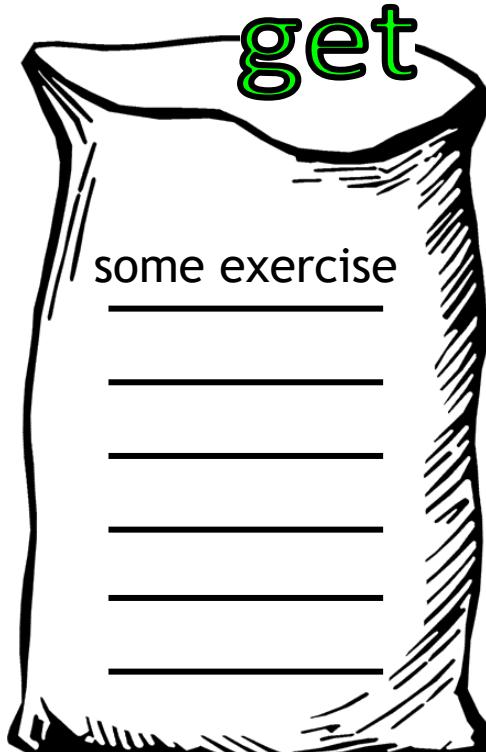
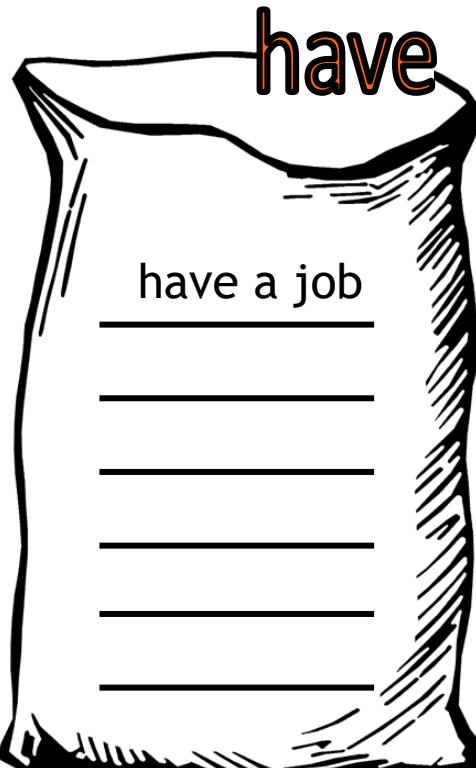
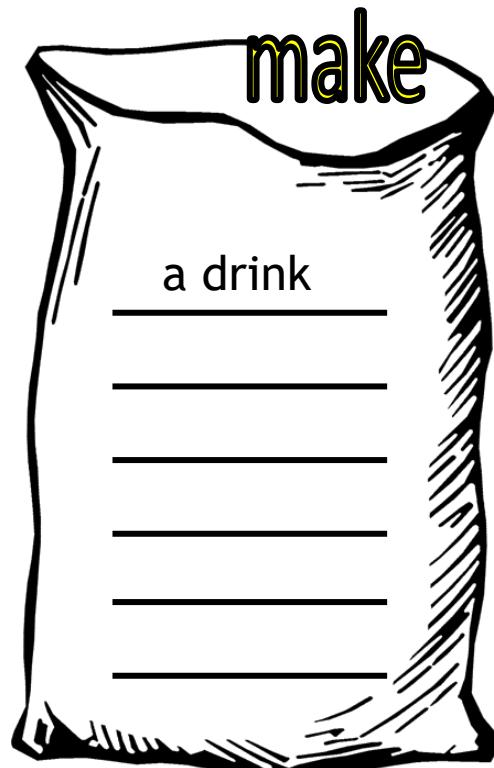
lunch
a cake
angry
a bath

lost
a favour
fun
the shopping

a phone call
a problem
the washing up
married

a mistake
the dishes
tea / coffee
the homework

friends
up
a good time
home



Exercise 4

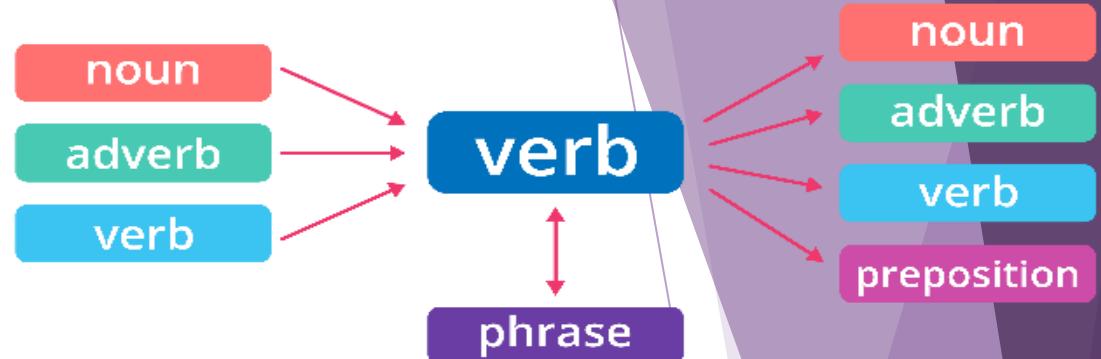
Complete the passage with the correct verbs to form collocations

do	go
eat	go
eat	go
get	have
get	listen to
go	make
go	play
go	read
	watch

I ¹get up at 7.30 and I ²_____ a shower. Then I ³_____ dressed and I ⁴_____ the bed. I ⁵_____ breakfast and I ⁶_____ the radio. Then I ⁷_____ to work. I ⁸_____ lunch at one o'clock. After work, I sometimes ⁹_____ shopping or I ¹⁰_____ tennis with some friends. When I ¹¹_____ home, I ¹²_____ dinner. I sometimes ¹³_____ some housework in the evening. I ¹⁴_____ the news on TV and then I ¹⁵_____ to bed. I ¹⁶_____ a book for a quarter of an hour before I ¹⁷_____ to sleep.

break?

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Examples: collocations with SPEAK

I could hardly speak .	adverb + verb
Why did you refuse to speak ?	verb+ verb
Are they on speaking terms with each other?	phrase
They spoke briefly on Skype.	verb + adverb
I need to speak to you.	verb + preposition

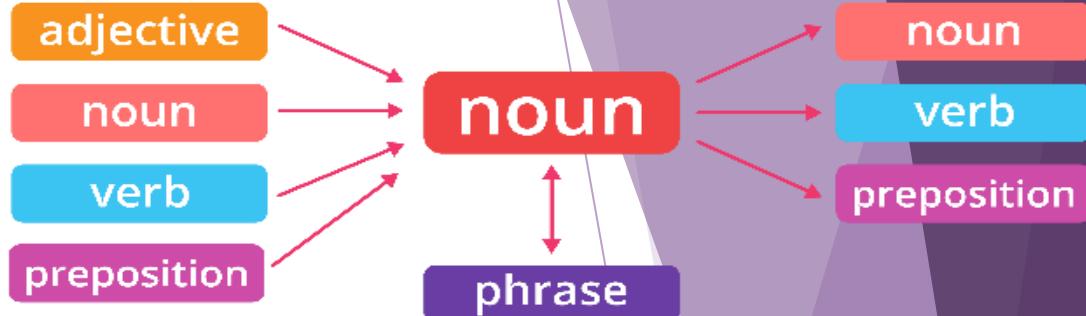
Examples: collocations with DEVELOP

The situation is developing very fast.	noun + verb
You should develop your drawing skills .	verb+ noun

Examples: collocations with DECIDE

We decided to try again .	verb + verb
I was allowed to decide for myself .	phrase

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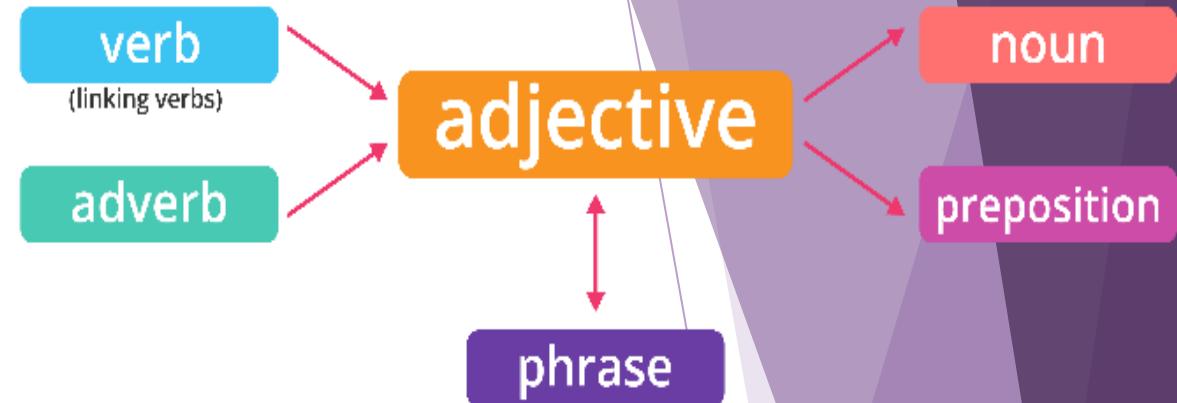
Examples: collocations with SITUATION

It was an awkward situation .	adjective + noun
I love modern situation comedies .	noun + noun
I try to avoid such situations .	verb + noun
Why did this situation arise ?	noun + verb
What to do in this situation ?	preposition + noun
You don't understand the seriousness of the situation .	phrase

Examples: collocations with TICKET

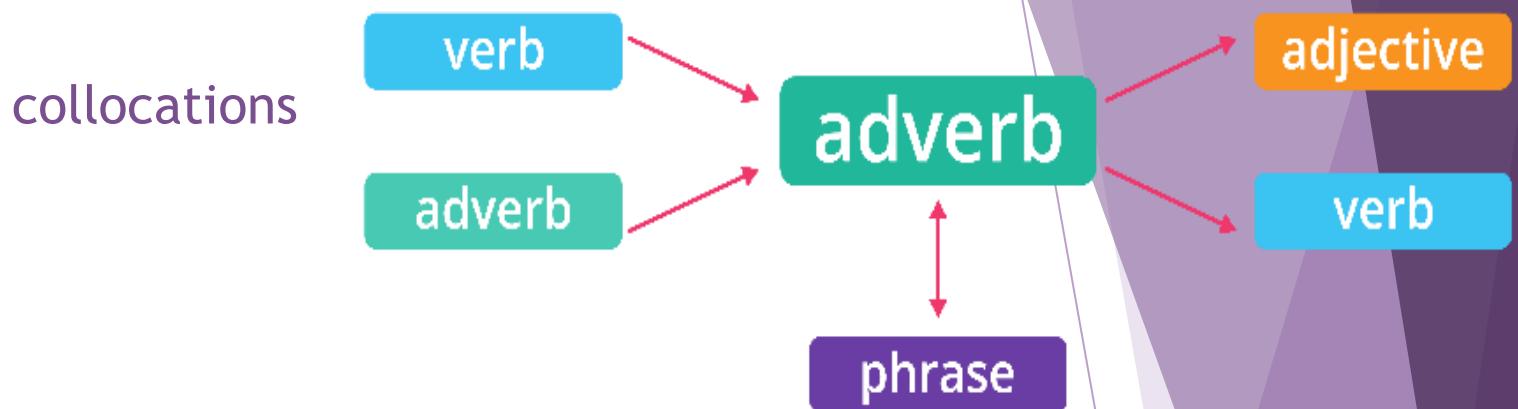
I'm going to buy a plane ticket toay.	noun + noun
Where is the ticket to the concert?	noun + preposition

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Examples: collocations with NICE

The flower smells nice .	linking verb + adjective
She is an incredibly nice girl.	adverb + adjective
It was a nice idea .	adjective + noun
She is very nice to me.	adjective + preposition
They have a nice little garden.	phrase



Examples: collocations with QUICKLY

You shouldn't drive quickly .	verb + adverb
She did it very quickly .	adverb + adverb

Examples: collocations with other adverbs

You're incredibly clever .	adverb + adjective
The end of the year is fast approaching .	adverb + verb
We go to the cinema once in a while .	phrase

exercise #1

Write the phrases here matching to the pictures

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____
10. _____
11. _____
12. _____
13. _____
14. _____



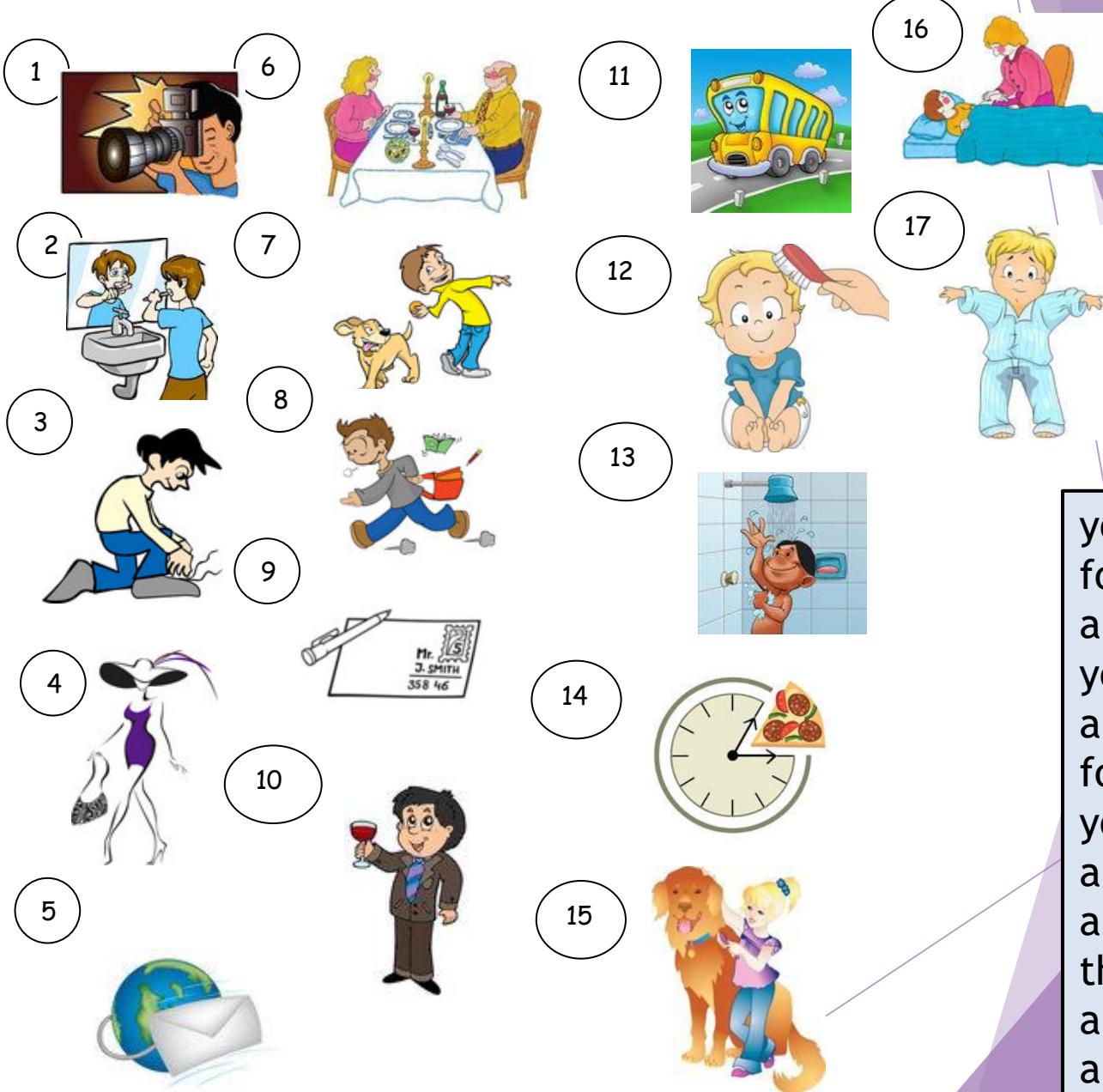
get on
make
sit on
buy
watch
look out of
go go lie
look for
read
have
drive
walk

the bus, the bus
TV, the window
a poster
some pens
in bed
into town
breakfast
to school
some balloons
to work
to the sports centre
a magazine

exercise #2

Write the phrases here matching to the pictures

- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____



brush take
 put on
 have send
 throw
 get ready
 get ready brush
 put on
 have send
 have have
 take
 put on
 brush

your pyjamas
 for bed a ball
 an e-mail dinner
 your teeth
 a photograph
 for school your hair
 your shoes
 a drink a letter
 a shower a break
 the bus
 a hat
 a dog

exercise #3

match the collocations

Do

Eat

Go

Have

Listen to

~~Make~~

Play

Take

Watch

Write

1. Make a choice

2. _____ a chance

3. _____ a suggestion

4. _____ a job

5. _____ for a walk

6. _____ a lecture

7. _____ a movie

8. _____ a meal

9. _____ a sport

10. _____ a story

exercise #4

match the collocations

Make

Choose

Ask

Plan

Read

Go on

Speak

Give

Complete

Take

1. Make a decision
2. _____ a break
3. _____ an opinion
4. _____ a task
5. _____ a trip
6. _____ a book
7. _____ a language
8. _____ a question
9. _____ a career
10. _____ an event

exercise #5

match the collocations with their meanings

1. Catch a cold	A. Talk with someone in a friendly way
2. Have a snack	B. Sit down
3. Take a break	C. Quickly see or watch something
4. Have a conversation	D. Experience an emotion or sensation
5. Take a look	E. See pictures and stories in your mind while you're sleeping
6. Have a meeting	F. When you get sick with a runny nose and sore throat
7. Have a good time	G. Stop what you're doing and rest for a short time
8. Take a seat	H. Enjoy yourself, have fun
9. Have a dream	I. Get together with others to talk or work on something
10. Have a feeling	J. Eat a little bit of food between meals

Thank you!
any questions?