# Collocation: which words go together

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PRE-INTERMEDIATE | A2-B1

Name: _____ Date: _____

## 1 Match each verb with the noun it usually goes with.

| | |
|---|---|
| **1** make ____ | **a** a promise |
| **2** do ____ | **b** homework |
| **3** take ____ | **c** a photo |
| **4** have ____ | **d** a rule |
| **5** catch ____ | **e** a decision |
| **6** pay ____ | **f** attention |
| **7** keep ____ | **g** a bus |
| **8** break ____ | **h** a cold |

## 2 Choose the correct collocation.

1 She made / did a mistake.

2 He did / made his homework.

3 They took / had a great time.

4 She caught / took a cold.

5 He paid / did attention in class.

6 She kept / made a promise.

7 He broke / did the rules.

8 They took / made a photo.

## 3 Complete the descriptions with words from the box.

**broke | caught | did | had | kept | made | paid | took**

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Ana: She 1 _____ a big decision and 2 _____ her promise to her friend.
Leo: He 3 _____ his homework quickly, then 4 _____ a photo of the sunset.
Marta: She 5 _____ a cold last week and 6 _____ a great time at the party anyway.
Note: Always 7 _____ attention in meetings, and never 8 _____ an important rule.

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## 4 Match each adjective with the noun it usually collocates with.

| | |
|---|---|
| **1** heavy ____ | **a** rain |
| **2** strong ____ | **b** coffee |
| **3** fast ____ | **c** food |
| **4** deep ____ | **d** sleep |
| **5** bright ____ | **e** light |
| **6** high ____ | **f** speed |
| **7** hard ____ | **g** work |
| **8** close ____ | **h** friend |

## 5 Read the text. Write T (true) or F (false).

**A busy day**

Mia made an important decision this morning and kept a promise to call her mother. She did her homework before lunch and later took a photo of her garden. In the afternoon, she caught a cold but still paid attention during her online class. Despite the busy day, she had a good time overall.

1 Mia made a decision this morning. T / F

2 She broke a promise. T / F

3 She did her homework before lunch. T / F

4 She took a photo of her garden. T / F

5 She caught a cold. T / F

6 She had a bad time overall. T / F

## 6 Complete the sentences with the correct verb (made, did, took, had).

1 She _____ a mistake in the report.

2 He _____ his best in the exam.

3 They _____ a long walk together.

4 She _____ a wonderful holiday.

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Write a 70-90 word description of your day using at least six common collocations (make a decision, take a photo, do homework, etc.).

[ ] Use at least six target collocations. [ ] Use past tenses accurately. [ ] Keep the description clear and natural.

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## ANSWER KEY

### 1 Verb + noun collocations

1 e 2 b 3 g 4 f 5 h 6 a 7 d 8 c

### 2 Choose the correct collocation

1 made 2 did 3 had 4 caught 5 paid 6 kept 7 broke 8 took

### 3 Descriptions

1 made 2 kept 3 did 4 took 5 caught 6 had 7 pay 8 break

### 4 Adjective + noun collocations

1 a 2 b 3 f 4 d 5 e 6 f... note adjust 6 c 7 g 8 h

### 5 Reading

1 T
2 F - she kept her promise.
3 T
4 T
5 T
6 F - she had a good time.

### 6 Verbs

1 made 2 did 3 took 4 had

### Over to you

Answers will vary. Check clear organisation, accurate forms and natural collocations.