

Verb + Noun Collocations

Activity Sheet (page 1/2)

Collocations are two or more words that often go together. They can be made up of different types of words. This worksheet looks at common Verb + Noun Collocations.

A. Complete the Collocations in each sentence using one of the words below.

home law a fine photos the truth the dishes friends fun a bus energy

1. I've just got a new camera. I can't wait to **take** with it.
2. She's very sociable and finds it easy to **make**
3. I hope you **have** at the wedding tomorrow.
4. If you **break** the, you might end up in jail.
5. After we've eaten, I'll **do**
6. After being caught speeding, I had to **pay**
7. I was tired of walking, so I decided to **catch** home.
8. As soon as I **get**, I'll have a snack.
9. You can **save** if you turn off your computer when you're not using it.
10. Please **tell**, I hate liars.

B. Put the words below under the verbs with which they are usually collocated. Some nouns can be collocated with more than one verb.

one's breath money medicine time a mess a job housework a baby a fine
 the law risks a bill the news lives a mistake your hair a joke
 a lie attention fire a noise a party the laundry home a shower

make	take	do	have	catch

get	pay	break	save	tell

C. Complete the sentences with Verb-Noun Collocations, using a verb from the previous page (in a suitable form) plus one of the nouns below.

a job a baby the laundry attention money medicine jokes
 the news a mess my breath

1. If you, you'll have to tidy it up afterwards.
2. My sister last week. It weighed nearly six kilos!
3. After jogging for 10 minutes, I had to stop to
4. He's been unemployed for ages. Hopefully he'll soon.
5. He needs to to control his blood pressure.
6. Please! I'm not going to repeat these instructions.
7. You can if you buy your tickets in advance. It's much cheaper.
8. He loves to make people laugh and is always
9. When I to her, she started to cry.
10. I hate because I have a useless washing machine.

D. Complete the conversation questions using suitable verbs in the correct form, then ask them to a partner.

1. What is the biggest risk you've ever
2. What is the worst mistake you've ever
3. What is the worst lie you've ever
4. When was the last time you the law?
5. What is the first thing you do when you home from school/work?

E. Talk with your partner and complete the sentences using suitable verbs in the correct form, and two other words to match each description.

1. Two things that a horrible noise are:,
2. Two types of housework that nobody likes are:,
3. Two things that a long time are:,
4. Two offences a person might have to a fine for are:,
5. Two things that can fire easily are:,