

What are Collocations?

Worksheet

Collocations are word pairs or groups that are habitually associated together — 'strong coffee', 'make a decision', 'conduct research'. They carry meaning and style in academic and professional contexts.

Questions

1. Which phrase is correct?
A) make research
B) conduct research
C) do research
D) take research
2. Complete: 'She will _____ a presentation tomorrow.'
A) make
B) do
C) give
D) take
3. What does 'draw a conclusion' mean?
A) to illustrate a picture
B) to arrive at a judgment
C) to sketch on paper
D) to win a contest
4. Which is a professional collocation?
A) strong coffee
B) conduct a meeting
C) eat lunch
D) watch TV
5. Complete the collocation: 'We will _____ a meeting at 3 PM.'
6. Which verb collocates with 'research'?
7. Complete: 'Please _____ a conclusion from the data.'
8. Define: Collocation: _____ a decision
9. Define: Collocation: _____ research
10. Define: Collocation: _____ a conclusion

Answer Key

1. B) conduct research — 'Conduct research' is the standard academic collocation. 'Make/do/take research' are not used in English.
2. C) give — 'Give a presentation' is the correct collocation. 'Make/do/take' don't work with presentation.
3. B) to arrive at a judgment — 'Draw a conclusion' means to reach or arrive at a reasoned judgment based on evidence.
4. B) conduct a meeting — 'Conduct a meeting' is a professional collocation used in business contexts. The others are everyday phrases.
5. The common collocation is 'conduct/hold a meeting'. Correct: 'We will conduct a meeting at 3 PM.' Other options: 'make a meeting' or 'do a meeting' are incorrect.
6. Common collocations: 'conduct research', 'carry out research', 'undertake research'. Not: 'make research' or 'do research'. Correct: 'She conducts research in molecular biology.'
7. The collocation is 'draw a conclusion'. Correct: 'Please draw a conclusion from the data.' Not: 'make a conclusion' (although 'reach a conclusion' works too).
8. MAKE a decision — to choose or decide. 'The team will make a decision by Friday.'
9. CONDUCT or CARRY OUT research — to perform systematic investigation. 'She conducts research on climate change.'
10. DRAW a conclusion — to arrive at a reasoned judgment. 'We drew a conclusion based on the evidence.'

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