

What is a Word Partnership?

Worksheet

Word partnerships are combinations of two or more words frequently used together to create natural-sounding phrases in English, essential for native-like fluency and accurate expression.

Questions

1. Which word partnership is correct?
A) powerful rain
B) heavy rain
C) strong rain
D) big rain
2. Complete the partnership: 'make a ____'
A) do
B) take
C) make
D) have
3. A word partnership means...
A) new vocabulary word
B) grammar rule
C) words used together naturally
D) synonym
4. Why avoid 'do a decision'?
A) wrong tense
B) not a partnership
C) too complicated
D) British English
5. Why is 'strong tea' a partnership but 'powerful tea' isn't?
6. Give a partnership with 'decision' and explain its use.
7. What is the word partnership for continuous rain?
8. Define: What is a word partnership?
9. Define: Example of partnership?
10. Define: Why learn partnerships?

Answer Key

1. B) heavy rain — 'Heavy rain' is the natural partnership. 'Powerful', 'strong', and 'big' don't collocate with rain.
2. A) do — The partnership is 'make a decision'. You don't say 'take', 'have', or 'do a decision'.
3. C) words used together naturally — Partnerships are specific word combinations that naturally go together in English.
4. B) not a partnership — 'Do' doesn't collocate with 'decision'. The partnership is 'make a decision'.
5. 'Strong' and 'tea' naturally pair together in English 'Powerful' doesn't combine naturally with 'tea' Native speakers say 'strong tea', creating a partnership
6. The partnership is 'make a decision' You don't say 'take a decision' or 'do a decision' 'Make' pairs naturally with 'decision' in English
7. The partnership is 'heavy rain' (or 'pouring rain') You don't say 'strong rain' or 'powerful rain' 'Heavy' collocates with rain in natural English
8. Two or more words commonly used together to sound natural and fluent.
9. 'Strong tea' or 'make a decision' — words that naturally pair together.
10. To sound like a native speaker and construct more natural, fluent English.

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