

The Top IELTS Collocations

IELTS vocabulary

The top collocations you need to use in your exam.

A collocation is a group of two or more words that are almost always put together to create a specific meaning. Using a different combination of words sounds unnatural or awkward. Some common collocations are: **"to make a mistake"**, but not: "to do a mistake". **"a big decision"**, but not: "a large decision".

adjective	noun
slight small minor major great significant noticeable abrupt fundamental dramatic profound gradual drastic sudden	CHANGE
slight subtle minor key insignificant large marked noticeable significant major important growing vital essential fundamental	DIFFERENCE
slight steady gradual significant marked dramatic sharp large substantial surprising expected unexpected net corresponding staggering	INCREASE DECREASE
close inverse strong weak tenuous paradoxical interdependent	RELATIONSHIP
high low increasing decreasing rapid sluggish slow fast average steady overall downward upward accelerating	RATE
key central important crucial vital insignificant significant minor major decisive leading positive prominent	ROLE
upward downward growing short-term long-term key overall general underlying buck reverse accelerating predominant irreversible discernable	TREND