



Collocations Module – Lesson 1

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Module Objectives



In this module, we will:



Understand what **collocations** are and why they matter in IELTS.



Learn the **7 main types of collocations**.



Explore **common collocations** (verb-based and mixed types).



Practice collocations by **topic areas** (hobbies, family, education, food & diet, hometown).

Today's Lesson Objectives

By the end of today's lesson, you will:

- Define what **collocations** are.
- Explain why collocations are important in IELTS.
- Identify and practice the **7 main types of collocations** with examples.

What Are Collocations?

Collocations are natural word combinations that often appear together.

Native speakers use them without thinking.

Example:  **make a decision** (not  *do a decision*).

Collocations make your English **natural, fluent, and accurate**.

Why Are Collocations Important in IELTS?

Show	Show the examiner a wide lexical resource.
Improve	Improve fluency and naturalness.
Help	Help avoid repetition by using flexible word combinations.
Boost	Boost your band score in Speaking & Writing.

The 7 Main Types of Collocations

1. Adverb + Adjective
2. Adjective + Noun
3. Noun + Noun
4. Noun + Verb
5. Verb + Noun
6. Verb + Expression with Preposition
7. Verb + Adverb



Examples: Adverb + Adjective

She is **deeply concerned** about climate change. (Environment)

The results were **highly successful** in reducing poverty. (Society)

Examples: Adjective + Noun



He gave a **brief introduction**
about his hometown.
(Hometown)



Access to **higher education**
is important for young
people. (Education)

Examples: Noun + Noun

I spent the weekend
reading a **history
book**.
(Hobbies/Education)

Many families live in
large **apartment
buildings** in the city.
(Hometown)

Examples:

Noun + Verb



The **data shows** an increase in internet use among students.
(Education/Technology)



Her **stomach growled** because she skipped breakfast. (Food & Diet)

Examples: Verb + Noun

I usually **take**
notes during my
English lessons.
(Education)

Families often
celebrate
festivals
together. (Family)

Examples: Verb + Expression with Preposition



I need to **focus on** improving my writing skills. (Education)



Many people **suffer from** stress in modern life. (Health)

Examples: Verb + Adverb

The teacher **speaks clearly** so everyone can understand.
(Education)

He **works hard** to support his family.
(Family)

Student Practice

1. Write 2 examples of **Verb + Noun** collocations about *food & diet*.
2. Give an **Adjective + Noun** collocation about *education*.
3. Rewrite: *He said something fast* → use a **Verb + Adverb** collocation.

Extra Practice



Try this online
collocations quiz:



 [EnglishClub
Collocations Quiz](#)