

8B Collocations quiz – True or false?

Aim

to review collocations from the unit

Activity type

a pairwork activity matching sentence halves, then a discussion on whether they are true

Classroom dynamics

pairwork

Time taken

10 minutes

Preparation

You will need a copy of the activity sheet per pair, cut up into cards.

Procedure

- 1 Divide the class into pairs, and give each pair a set of cards. Ask students to shuffle the cards then spread them out on the desk facing up.
- 2 Students work together to match the sentences halves. Each white card matches a grey one, and the bold words form collocations from the unit.
- 3 Students then discuss in their pairs whether they think the statements are true or false, separating them into two groups. If they think a statement is false, challenge them to give you a correct sentence using the collocation.
- 4 As a whole class, check the matching answers and whether they are true or false. Give students the correct answers to the false statements after asking for their input.

Adaptation and extension

- You can also turn this exercise into a memory game. Students place the cards in their two sets (white and grey) face down and spread out on the desk. They take it in turns to turn over two cards, one from each set, and read them out. If the cards match to make a correct collocation, the student keeps the cards. If they do not match, the cards are turned back over in the same place and both students try to remember their position for subsequent turns.
- Step 3, where students decide whether statements are true or false in their groups, could be conducted in a quiz format. Students can compete in pairs or groups of four.

Answer key

- blisteringly hot:** False (Death Valley in California had the highest temperature ever recorded on earth)
- derives from:** True
- disposed of:** True
- drop off:** False (it takes the average person 10–20 minutes to fall asleep)
- exclusively used:** False (there were no horses in Aztec society before the arrival of the Spanish)
- fiercely competitive:** True
- heavy-duty:** True
- intricately carved:** True
- painstakingly decorated:** False (the whole structure was completed in 22 years)
- pass on:** False (there are many examples of animals learning new skills and then communicating this learning to their young)
- run in families:** True
- shut-eye:** False (the amount of sleep needed varies between people and depends on many different factors)
- take on:** True
- wind down:** False ('blue light' from electronic devices keep the brain awake)

Vocabulary

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The Sahara Desert is the most blisteringly	hot place on earth.
The English word 'sandwich' derives	from the name of the man who invented this snack.
Because they are dangerous, batteries must be disposed	of carefully at designated recycling locations.
At night, most people are able to drop	off within five minutes of going to bed.
In Aztec society, before the Spanish arrived horses were exclusively	used for sport – never for lifting or working in the fields.
Robins, the little birds with red chests, are actually fiercely	competitive and often fight other birds!
The Pyramids were built without any heavy	-duty lifting equipment, despite the weight of the stones.
Many ancient tribes used intricately	carved masks in their religious ceremonies.
The Taj Mahal in India was painstakingly	decorated over several centuries before it was completed.
Animals are unable to pass	on learned information to their young.
Both physical and personality traits are sometimes believed to run	in families – although scientists are still unsure about this.
Everyone should get eight hours of shut	-eye every night in order to feel good.
It can be very stressful if you take	on more work than you can complete – always remember to be realistic!
Watching a series or film is a great way to wind	down just before going to bed.

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