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Collocations

Kategoria e mësimit: Mësimet në gjuhë angleze

> Learn which words naturally go together in English: verb-noun, adjective-noun, noun-noun and preposition pairings. Covers make, do, take and pay, and the translation habits that produce unnatural combinations.

Collocations

A **collocation** is a pair or group of words that native speakers habitually use together. *Heavy rain* is normal English; *strong rain* is not, even though the meaning would be clear. Collocations are not governed by logic — they are governed by habit — which is why they must be learned as units.

Learning objectives

- Recognise the main types of collocation.
- Use *make, do, take* and *pay* with the right nouns.
- Choose the natural adjective for a given noun.
- Avoid word-for-word translation from your own language.

Types of collocation

Type	Pattern	Examples
Verb + noun	the verb that "goes with" the noun	*make a decision, do homework, take a photo, pay attention*
Adjective + noun	the usual descriptive pairing	*heavy rain, strong coffee, deep sleep, close friend*
Noun + noun	fixed compounds	*traffic jam, job interview, birthday party*
Verb + adverb	habitual intensity	*work hard, drive carefully, know well*
Adverb + adjective	degree pairings	*highly likely, deeply concerned, fully aware*
Verb + preposition	fixed dependent prepositions	*depend on, listen to, apologise for, belong to*
Adjective + preposition	fixed pairings	*good at, interested in, afraid of, proud of*

Make, do, take and pay

Verb	General idea	Common collocations

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make	create or produce something	*make a decision, make a mistake, make progress, make an effort, make a noise, make friends, make money, make a phone call*
do	perform a task or activity	*do homework, do the shopping, do the washing-up, do business, do research, do exercise, do your best, do a favour*
take	receive, carry, or use time	*take a photo, take a break, take a seat, take an exam, take medicine, take place, take care, take responsibility*
pay	give money or attention	*pay attention, pay a visit, pay a compliment, pay the bill, pay a fine, pay respect*

Some pairs are worth memorising because they are easy to confuse: *make a mistake* (not *do a mistake*), *do an exercise* (not *make an exercise*), *take an exam* (not *write an exam* in most varieties), *pay attention* (not *give attention*).

Strong adjective pairings

Noun	Natural adjective	Unnatural
rain	heavy rain	*strong rain*
coffee	strong coffee	*heavy coffee*
traffic	heavy traffic	*big traffic*
friend	close friend	*near friend*
sleep	deep sleep	*strong sleep*
chance	good chance	*big chance*
mistake	serious mistake	*strong mistake*
wind	strong wind	*heavy wind*

Dependent prepositions

Word	Preposition	Example
depend	on	*It **depends on** the weather.*
listen	to	*I **listen to** music.*
interested	in	*She's **interested in** history.*
good	at	*He's **good at** maths.*
afraid	of	*I'm **afraid of** heights.*
apologise	for	*He **apologised for** the delay.*
arrive	at / in	***arrive at** the station, **arrive in** London*

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Word	Preposition	Example
married	to	*She's **married to** a doctor.*

Why translation causes errors

Every language pairs words differently. A learner who translates directly produces grammatically correct but unnatural English:

Translated	Natural English
make a photo	**take a photo**
do a mistake	**make a mistake**
say a lie	**tell a lie**
put a question	**ask a question**
give an exam	**take an exam**
make sport	**do sport / play sport**
strong rain	**heavy rain**
discuss about	**discuss** (no preposition)

Common mistakes

Mistake	Correct
I made my homework.	**I did my homework.**
She did a big mistake.	**She made a big mistake.**
Please give attention.	**Please pay attention.**
I depend of you.	**I depend on you.**
We discussed about the plan.	**We discussed the plan.**
He is married with a teacher.	**He is married to a teacher.**

Learning tips

1. Record vocabulary in pairs, never alone: write *make a decision*, not *decision*.
2. Keep four lists — *make, do, take, pay* — and add to them as you read.
3. When you learn an adjective or a verb, learn its preposition at the same time.
4. If a phrase sounds odd to you in English, check it; it is often a translation from your first language.

Summary checklist

- Is this the verb English actually uses with this noun?
- Is the adjective the natural partner for this noun?

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- Is the preposition the fixed one?
- Am I translating an image from my own language?

Shpjegim në gjuhën shqipe

Rregulli i anglishtes, i shpjeguar në shqip

Një **collocation** është një çift ose grup fjalësh që folësit amtarë i përdorin zakonisht bashkë. *Heavy rain* është anglishte e natyrshme; *strong rain* jo, edhe pse kuptimi do të merrej vesh.

Këto bashkëlidhje **nuk drejtohen nga logjika**, por nga zakoni. Prandaj ato nuk mund të nxirren me arsyetim: duhen mësuar si njësi.

Llojet kryesore janë: folje + emër (*make a decision*), mbiemër + emër (*heavy traffic*), emër + emër (*traffic jam*), folje + ndajfolje (*work hard*), ndajfolje + mbiemër (*highly likely*) dhe fjalë + parafjalë e ngulitur (*depend on*, *good at*).

Grupi më i vështirë është ai i katër foljeve **make, do, take** dhe **pay**, të cilat ndajnë midis tyre qindra emra pa asnjë rregull të qartë: *make a mistake*, *do homework*, *take a photo*, *pay attention*.

Ekuivalenti në gjuhën shqipe

Edhe shqipja i ka bashkëlidhjet e veta: *marr një vendim*, *bëj një gabim*, *jap provim*, *kam të drejtë*. Dukuria pra është e njohur. Problemi është se **foljet nuk përkojnë** midis dy gjuhëve.

Shqip	Anglisht e saktë	Gabimi tipik
bëj një gabim	**make** a mistake	*do a mistake*
bëj detyrat	**do** homework	*make homework*
bëj një fotografi	**take** a photo	*make a photo*
marr një vendim	**make** a decision	*take a decision*
jap provim	**take** an exam	*give an exam*
bëj një pyetje	**ask** a question	*make a question*
kushtoj vëmendje	**pay** attention	*give attention*
tregoj një gënjeshtër	**tell** a lie	*say a lie*
shi i rrëmbyeshëm	**heavy** rain	*strong rain*
kafe e fortë	**strong** coffee	*heavy coffee*

Vini re çiftin e fundit: shqipja thotë *i fortë* për kafenë dhe *i rrëmbyeshëm* për shiun; anglishtja i ndan si *strong* dhe *heavy*. Kush përkthen drejtpërdrejt, gabon në njërin nga të dyja.

Parafjalët e ngulitura

Anglisht	Shqip	Kujdes
depend **on**	varet **nga**	jo *depend from*

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Anglisht	Shqip	Kujdes
listen **to**	dëgjoj	shqipja nuk ka parafjalë
married **to**	i martuar **me**	jo *married with*
good **at**	i mirë **në**	jo *good in*
discuss	diskutoj **për**	anglishtja nuk merr parafjalë

Ku ndryshojnë dy gjuhët

- **Folja mbajtëse.** Shqipja përdor kryesisht *bëj* dhe *marr*; anglishtja i shpërndan të njëjtat kuptime midis *make, do, take* dhe *pay*.
- **Parafjala.** Ka raste ku shqipja e kërkon e anglishtja jo (*discuss*), dhe raste ku ndodh e kundërta (*listen to*).
- **Mbiemri.** Çiftet e forcës dhe të sasisë ndahen ndryshe në të dyja gjuhët.

Gabime të zakonshme të folësve të shqipes

Gabimi	E saktë	Pse
I made my homework.	**I did my homework.**	bashkëlidhje e ngulitur
She did a big mistake.	**She made a big mistake.**	po ashtu
We discussed about the plan.	**We discussed the plan.**	pa parafjalë
He is married with a teacher.	**… married to a teacher.**	parafjalë e ngulitur
strong rain	**heavy rain**	mbiemri i duhur

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