**Common Collocations**

On this page you can find a few short lists of common collocations to give you more of an idea about them. Many good learner's dictionaries show collocations associated with specific words. There are also dictionaries of collocations, though these are more difficult to find.

**Verb collocations**

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| **have** | **do** | **make** |
| have a bathhave a drinkhave a good timehave a haircuthave a holidayhave a problemhave a relationshiphave a resthave lunchhave sympathy | do businessdo nothingdo someone a favourdo the cookingdo the houseworkdo the shoppingdo the washing updo your bestdo your hairdo your homework | make a differencemake a messmake a mistakemake a noisemake an effortmake furnituremake moneymake progressmake roommake trouble |
| **take** | **break** | **catch** |
| take a breaktake a chancetake a looktake a resttake a seattake a taxitake an examtake notestake someone's placetake someone's temperature | break a habitbreak a legbreak a promisebreak a recordbreak a windowbreak someone's heartbreak the icebreak the lawbreak the news to someonebreak the rules | catch a ballcatch a buscatch a chillcatch a coldcatch a thiefcatch firecatch sight ofcatch someone's attentioncatch someone's eyecatch the flu |
| **pay** | **save** | **keep** |
| pay a finepay attentionpay by credit cardpay cashpay interestpay someone a complimentpay someone a visitpay the billpay the pricepay your respects | save electricitysave energysave moneysave one's strengthsave someone a seatsave someone's lifesave something to a disksave spacesave timesave yourself the trouble | keep a diarykeep a promisekeep a secretkeep an appointmentkeep calmkeep controlkeep in touchkeep quietkeep someone's placekeep the change |
| **come** | **go** | **get** |
| come closecome complete withcome directcome earlycome firstcome into viewcome lastcome latecome on timecome preparedcome right backcome secondcome to a compromisecome to a decisioncome to an agreementcome to an endcome to a standstillcome to terms withcome to a total ofcome under attack | go abroadgo astraygo badgo baldgo bankruptgo blindgo crazygo darkgo deafgo fishinggo madgo missinggo on footgo onlinego out of businessgo overseasgo quietgo sailinggo to wargo yellow | get a jobget a shockget angryget divorcedget drunkget frightenedget homeget lostget marriedget nowhereget permissionget pregnantget readyget startedget the impressionget the messageget the sackget upsetget wetget worried |

**Miscellaneous collocations**

| **Time** | **Business English** | **Classifiers** |
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| bang on timedead on timeearly 12th centuryfree timefrom dawn till duskgreat deal of timelate 20th centurymake time fornext few dayspast few weeksright on timerun out of timesave timespare timespend some timetake your timetell someone the timetime goes bytime passeswaste time | annual turnoverbear in mindbreak off negotiationscease tradingchair a meetingclose a dealclose a meetingcome to the pointdismiss an offerdraw a conclusiondraw your attention tolaunch a new productlay off staffgo bankruptgo into partnershipmake a lossmake a profitmarket forcessales figurestake on staff | a ball of stringa bar of chocolatea bottle of watera bunch of carrotsa cube of sugara pack of cardsa pad of paper |