

Activity Type

Vocabulary and Speaking
Activity: matching, gap-fill, forming sentences from prompts (pair work)

Focus

Adverb-adjective collocations

Aim

To form adverb-adjective collocations and then use them to complete sentences.

Preparation

Make one copy of the two worksheets for each pair of students.

Level

Upper-intermediate (B2)

Time

25 minutes

Introduction

In this adverb-adjective collocations activity, students form adverb-adjective collocations and then use them to complete sentences.

Procedure

Divide students into two groups (A and B). Give each group a corresponding worksheet.

Students start by matching adverbs from a box with adjectives to create adverb-adjective collocations.

Exercise A - Answer key

Student A

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| 1. highly | 5. seriously | 9. fully |
| 2. eternally | 6. reasonably | 10. politically |
| 3. conveniently | 7. absolutely | 11. strongly |
| 4. widely | 8. easily | 12. vaguely |

Student B

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|---------------|---------------|----------------|
| 1. absolutely | 5. perfectly | 9. utterly |
| 2. bitterly | 6. strongly | 10. strictly |
| 3. happily | 7. completely | 11. brightly |
| 4. painfully | 8. deeply | 12. pleasantly |

Next, students pair up with someone from the other group. Tell the students not to show their worksheet to their partner.

Students then take turns reading a sentence to their partner, who has to complete it with an adverb-adjective collocation from their worksheet. When both students agree the collocation is correct, the student writes it in the space to complete the sentence.

Afterwards, review the correct answers with the class.

Exercise B - Answer key

Student A

1. happily married
2. deeply concerned
3. strongly recommended
4. strictly forbidden
5. absolutely furious
6. brightly lit
7. perfectly normal
8. pleasantly surprised
9. completely different
10. painfully shy
11. utterly ridiculous
12. bitterly cold

Student B

1. widely available
2. highly respected
3. fully aware
4. easily excited
5. vaguely familiar
6. seriously injured
7. politically correct
8. reasonably priced
9. eternally grateful
10. strongly opposed
11. conveniently located
12. absolutely delighted

Student A

A. Make adverb-adjective collocations by writing each adverb from the box in front of a suitable adjective.

| Adverbs | | | | | |
|--------------|--------|----------|-----------|------------|-------------|
| conveniently | widely | fully | highly | eternally | vaguely |
| reasonably | easily | strongly | seriously | absolutely | politically |

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| 1. | respected | 7. | delighted |
| 2. | grateful | 8. | excited |
| 3. | located | 9. | aware |
| 4. | available | 10. | correct |
| 5. | injured | 11. | opposed |
| 6. | priced | 12. | familiar |

B. Now, take it in turns to read a sentence below to your partner, who has to complete it with an adverb-adjective collocation from their worksheet. When you both agree the collocation is correct, write it in the space to complete the sentence.

- I heard from Joe recently. He's now with two kids.
- When I heard that he'd started drinking again, I was
- A flu injection is to all those over the age of 60.
- Drinking alcohol is You'll get fired if you're caught with a bottle.
- When mum found out that I'd been skipping school, she was
- The room was so that I almost reached for my sunglasses.
- It's to put on weight when you're pregnant. Everyone does.
- I was with my final grade as I was worried that I might fail.
- After shaving his head, Jose looked
- She's and doesn't like to draw attention to herself.
- It's to expect a five-year-old to write an essay!
- It was a day, so I wore my warmest jacket.

Student B

A. Make adverb-adjective collocations by writing each adverb from the box in front of a suitable adjective.

| Adverbs | | | | | |
|------------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|---------|
| strictly | painfully | happily | brightly | completely | deeply |
| pleasantly | bitterly | perfectly | absolutely | strongly | utterly |

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| 1. furious | 7. different |
| 2. cold | 8. concerned |
| 3. married | 9. ridiculous |
| 4. shy | 10. forbidden |
| 5. normal | 11. lit |
| 6. recommended | 12. surprised |

B. Now, take it in turns to read a sentence below to your partner, who has to complete it with an adverb-adjective collocation from their worksheet. When you both agree the collocation is correct, write it in the space to complete the sentence.

- They're not hard to get hold of. They're on the Internet.
- He's a scientist. He has won many awards.
- It's a serious matter. I'm not sure if you're of the consequences.
- Penelope is generally well-behaved, but she can sometimes get
- I didn't know the words to the song, but the tune was
- Although nobody was killed in the accident, two people were
- It's not to say policeman these days. Police officer is better.
- Everything at the market is, so it's great for those on a budget.
- If you help me with this problem, I'll be
- Joe's friends were supportive, but his wife was to the idea.
- The supermarket is next to the station.
- I was when I heard the news. I'm so happy for them.