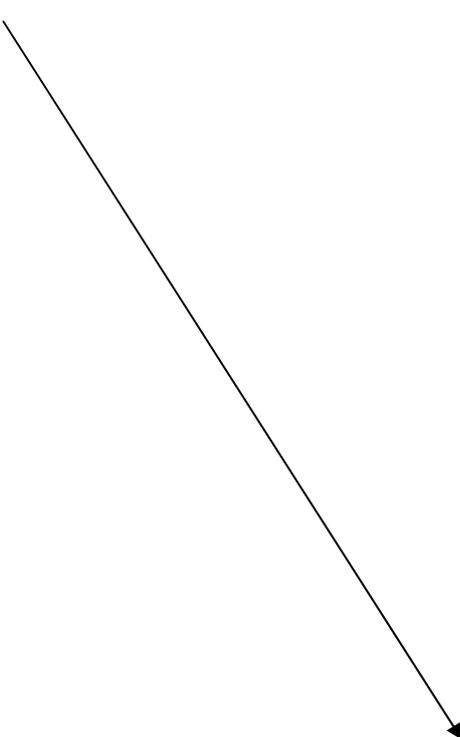


Building Your Vocabulary

When you are learning vocabulary it is a very good idea to try to learn words that are often found together. Words which are often found together are called “**word partnerships**”. When you read you should make a note of these and try to remember them as a unit. They will help to make your English more fluent and more accurate and you will avoid the kind of mistakes people make when they translate from one language to another, word by word.

A. Match a verb on the left with a noun on the right to make a strong word partnership. The first one is done for you as an example. Some verbs can go with more than one noun but there is only one combination where you can use all 10 verbs and all 10 nouns!

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| 1. | miss | a shock |
| 2. | catch | my nose |
| 3. | get | hands |
| 4. | lose | the exam |
| 5. | run | my own business |
| 6. | make | my hair |
| 7. | pass | a cold |
| 8. | comb | a decision |
| 9. | shake | the bus |
| 10. | blow | my way |
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B. Now use the word partnerships to complete these sentences. Make sure you use the correct form of the verb. The first one has been done for you as an example.

1. Sorry I'm late. I missed the bus and had to wait ages for the next one.
2. I left the house in such a rush this morning I didn't even have time to _____.
3. If you do some study, you _____.
4. The President _____ with a lot of people in the crowd.
5. I don't want to work for a boss. I want to _____.
6. If you go out without a coat, you _____.
7. I _____ when I heard he had died. I didn't know he was sick.
8. I never change my mind once I _____.
9. Have you got a tissue? I need to _____.
10. The city is full of very small back streets. I _____ several times.

C. The words in each column can make partnerships with a particular verb. Can you guess the verbs? Put the correct verb at the top of each column and then add more words and expressions to each list.

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breakfast	a taxi	to work	housework	ready	a cup of tea
a shower	a tablet	jogging	your best	a letter	a decision
a nap	your time	well	nothing	married	money