



LIST of COLLOCATIONS

ability

develop
limited

account

taken (into)
opened

act

criminal
passed
amended

action

take
further
call for N
immediate
strike
direct
appropriate
urgent
drastic
libel
joint
remedial

advantage

take
full
great
(to the) best
added

gain

unfair

give

big

major

significant

distinct

special

additional

advice

give

seek

expert

free

offer

professional

practical

take

provide

sound

further

followed

affair

whole

affairs

state

current

age

early

golden

retirement

maternal

reached

ages

dark

agreement

reached

signed

peace

(free) trade

co-operation

nodded (in) N

concluded

ceasefire

entered (into)

come

draft

mutual

final

N + provided (for)

broad

failed (to reach N)

end

make

(in) full

voluntary

binding

common

complete

air

fresh

open

clean

clear

breathe

thick

heavy

amount

certain

small

enormous

huge

fair

tremendous

large

considerable

minimum

full

reasonable

maximum

substantial

increased

outstanding

analysis

detailed

data N

showed

provide

performed

carried



suggests
careful
full
(a) developed

animal
wild

answer
simple
give
lies
get
right
provide
correct
obvious
clear
wrong
straight
satisfactory

application
complete
made

approach
cautious
adopted
taken
alternative
made
fresh
radical
effective

area
particular
play
surrounding
residential
wide
central
major

argument
put (forward)
further
cited
additional
strong
made
rejected
support
accept
logical
presented
convincing
powerful

arm
put (someone's N
around)
upper
grabbed
broken
broke
raised
grasped

army
joined

art
modern
contemporary
great
ancient

aspect
particular
further

attempt
made
serious
desperate
failed (+ N)
deliberate
unsuccessful
vain

attention
pay
draw

turned
focused
attract
media
special
medical
public
particular
close
brought

given
caught
divert
received
N is/should be
directed
full
careful
considerable
serious
concentrated
distract
hold
constant
urgent

attitude
adopted
right

authority
given (give + N)
exercise + N or
someone's + N
legitimate

award
won
presented
received
given
prestigious

baby
expecting



unborn
lost

bank
collapsed

basis
regular
daily
(on a) day(-to-day)
form
weekly
individual
provide
permanent
annual
temporary
voluntary
monthly
firm
casual

bed
get (into/out of/off the N)
lying
double
(four) poster
go
single
make

behaviour
bad

good
learned
responsible
disruptive

benefit
housing
get
maximum
marginal
claim
receive
invalidity

benefits
enjoy

bit
wee (Scottish)

blood
infected
give

body
upper
dead
N + lay
naked
lower

book
latest
illustrated
reference

box
gift
(tick the)
appropriate N

boy
bad
small
good
big

brother
younger
older
elder
big
little

building
main
tall
house

business
small
doing
whole
family
running
serious
private
conduct
successful

campaign
election
launched
bombing
run
media
mounted
fought
waged
conducted

capital
foreign
current
major
car
park (verb)
hire
drive
police
racing
crashed

care
take
medical
primary
private
home
nursing
provide
family
domiciliary



case

court
present
particular
(a N) adjourned
prosecution
made
put
take
clear
strong
extreme

cases

severe
court
extreme
serious
criminal
injury

cell

prison

centre

entertainment
(day) care

chance

have
get
given
stand a N
take
great

second
little
missed
offered
big
fair
came
reasonable
jumped (at the N)

change

significant
radical
major
global
make
dramatic
fundamental
rapid
sudden
real
subject to
N + occurred

changes

make
major
proposed
dramatic
occur
radical
significant
sweeping
necessary
introduced

minor

rapid

chapter

discussed
previous
contains
examines
preceding
covered

character

central
main
great
strong
distinctive

charge

free (of)
take
extra
additional
initial
minimum
made
put (in/on)
fixed

charges

bank

child

only
expecting

choice

have
make
wide
given
offer
obvious
personal
free
consumer
limited
possible
natural
informed

church

whole
established

circumstance

causal

circumstances

certain
(in/under) normal
surrounding
exceptional
changing
personal
suspicious
unusual
causal
extreme
favourable



city

capital
ancient
beautiful

claim

make
rejected
compensation
(claim)
unfair

club

join
exclusive

colour

full
add
light
dark
bright
pale
give
high
strong

commission

set (up) + N
appointed + N
N + established
take

company

owned

computer

running
using

concern

expressed
cause
growing
major
public
deep
real
increasing
considerable
voiced

condition

good
serious
medical
critical
stable
excellent
poor
immaculate
sufficient
deteriorated

conditions

weather
living
working

improve
appalling
poor
satisfied (verb)
favourable
impose
prevailing
adverse
meet
fulfilled

conference

peace
party
told
annual
called
planned
hold
major
opened

contract

signed
expires
won
awarded
agreed
binding
terminate

control

take
lost
have

complete
total
gain
regain
full
keep
effective
direct
exercise
tight
retain
strict
overall
maintain

cost

low
effective
extra
total
high
cover
estimated
additional
meet
reduced
reasonable

country

whole
leave
foreign

course

(in) due



training
main
designed
first
take
completed
ordinary
followed
full
start

couple
happy
elderly

court
told (the N)
heard
ruled
appear (in)
held
take obj to

culture
popular
western
dominant
traditional

cup
win
make (a N of)
played
nice N of tea

customer
particular

data
collected
suggest
support
present

date
closing
blind
set
effective
due
fixed
target
early
agreed

daughter
eldest
youngest
only

day
all (N long)
present
spent
final
full
working
whole
start
(have a) nice

days
early
past (few/number
N)
old
spent
working
take

deal
great
good
peace
struck
signed
fair
agreed
get
make

death
sudden
accidental
caused
tragic

decision
made
final
taken
court
announced
conscious
unanimous

follows
reached
support
came
reversed

defence
made

degree
(to a) greater
high
(to a) certain
joint
considerable
lesser
honorary
awarded
remarkable
obtained

demand
meet
increase
huge
consumer's
strong
high
growing
made
satisfy + N
reduce

design
interior



garden
original
art
research

detail

greater
(in) fine
considerable
sufficient
further

details

further
full
give
provide

development

child
sustainable
curriculum
career
further
rapid

difference

make
big
tell
little
see
significant
potential
real

fundamental
marked (adj)
showed

difficulty

have
considerable
overcome
increasing

direction

(in the) right
opposite
(in the) wrong
future
reverse

director

general
film
appointed
theatre

discussion

open
further
considerable
major

disease

chronic
cause
transmitted
severe
serious

division

top
made
major

doctor

see
hospital
consult
medical
went
called
local
visit
examined

dog

walking (a N)
pet

door

knock
slammed
N + swung (open)
pushed
pulled
flung (open) N

doubt

cast
reasonable
put (in/beyond)
serious
leave (no/little)

duty

heavy

economy

slowing
planned
boost
strong

education

further
public

effect

have
cause+ N
take
knock-on
direct
immediate
dramatic
desired
beneficial
profound
devastating
opposite
overall
adverse
detrimental

effects

long-term
harmful
adverse



direct
beneficial
damaging
profound

effort

make
put
relief
concerted
required
considerable
involved
conscious
major
ensure
extra
joint
minimum
tremendous

election

general
won
held
following
lost
fought
forthcoming

elections

general
national
municipal

element

key
essential
strong
major
significant

end

west
east
came
put
far
brought (to an N)
reached
bottom

energy

saving
low
high
renewable
waste
supply
alternative
reduce

ends

loose
achieve
opposite

environment

natural
protect

safe
work
home
damage
improve
stable
hostile
healthy

evening

early
late
spent

eye

keep
public
watchful
naked
cast
look (in the N)
twinkle
critical

eyes

wide
fixed
bright
rolled
turned
filled (with)
pale
narrowed
raised
held

event

major
unlikely
sporting
big
held
annual
history
final

evidence

give
N + suggests
presented
hard
provide
strong
N + shows
sufficient
conclusive
considerable
supporting
ample
circumstantial
insufficient
growing
indicates

example

set
give
classic
perfect
take (the)



typical
prime
follow
provides
simple
obvious
recent
extreme
striking
outstanding
notable
specific

experience

previous
practical
gain
learning
relevant
working
extensive
past
direct
valuable

face

pale
slap + (someone's)
+ N
pretty
turned
round
flushed
beautiful
smiling

handsome

factor

major
key
risk
significant
crucial
determining
contributory
deciding
limiting
time
common
critical
contributing
decisive
vital
N + influencing
cost
human
additional

family

whole
extended
close
entire
large
nuclear
big

families

(lone/one/ single)
parent

one-parent
lone
single-parent
low-income

feature

regular
striking
distinctive
major
particular
prominent
attractive
significant
characteristic
notable
unusual
unique
dominant

feeling

get
strong
general
strange
gave
bad
sinking
deep
gut
growing
experienced

feet

bare

rose (to her N)

field

visual

figure

leading
tall
central
high
public
major
low
increase

figures

released
official
leading
public

film

making
directed

fire

opened N on
set N to / obj on N
caught
friendly
started
(fire) burning
N + broke (out)
light (verb)
caused



make
spread
control

floor
top
upper
reach

force
use
military
driving
peacekeeping
excessive
full
dominant
powerful
strong
armed
brute

food
fresh
delicious
diet

foot
set

forces
security
joined
opposition

form
application
order
booking
complete (verb)
claim
fill
registration
take
(in) good

friend
best
close
old
family
made N in

friends
family
close
old

make
became
real

front
house

function
perform
primary
brain
fulfil

funds
raise

future
near
foreseeable
bright
uncertain
secure (verb)
immediate
(N) holds

discuss
distant
(N+) lies
long-term
face
bleak

game
win
final

garden
back
vegetable
secret
front
walled
herb
flower
rose
do
rear
pretty
attractive

girl
beautiful
pretty

glass
broken

glasses
wearing

goal
scored
(the) winning N
early
ultimate
achieve
N + disallowed

good
do
public
common

goods
manufactured
deliver

government
coalition
interim
elected

group
small



ethnic (minority N)
largest
formed
minority
leading
single
research

ground

common
lost
open
gaining

growth

rapid
strong
potential
employment
personal
high
slow
continued
major
overall
unemployment

hair

blonde
blond
curly
thick
dyed
facial
fair

cropped
dye
straight
wash
brushed
soft
permed
ginger
auburn

hand

held
took
shook
wash
raised
waved
lifted
helping
stretched out
(his/her...+N)
extended
strong

hands

shook
holding
clasped
wash
raised
rubbed
folded

head

shook

turned
bowed
raised
bent
lifted
held (N high)
jerked
lowered
nodded
clear
pulled (N back)
threw (back)
tilted

health

mental
poor
medical
improve

heart

broken
beating
pounding (adj)
suffered
stopping
lies (at the N of)
thumping
heavy
thudding

help

seek
professional
great
provide

give
offers
medical
receive
call (for)
appealed (for)
domestic
require

history

family
medical

home

come
family
stay
return
left
ideal
get
made
feel
matrimonial

horse

riding

hospital

general
(to be) admitted
(to N)
mental
go
transferred



hour

spent
took
late
early
N + passed
finest

hours

spent
early (N of the morning)
working
long
took
permitted
small
normal
daylight
school
put in
late
flying

house

detached
family
moved +N

hotel

luxury
stay
(family-) run
comfortable
family

elegant
booked

husband

estranged
N + left
former
lost
second

idea

whole
give (an)
get
rejected
original
faintest
simple
wrong
put (forward/aside
the + N)
form
developed

ideas

exchange
original
fresh
bright

image

public
improve
clean (up)
presented

income

low
annual
high
current
disposable
family
taxable
average
guaranteed
fixed
regular
national
paid
gross
extra
additional
(to) supplement

increase

huge
significant
substantial
marked
large
real
dramatic
massive
small
further
rapid
sharp
considerable
caused

major
modest
big

information

further
provide
detailed
additional
relevant
obtained
confidential
exchange
collected
supplied
contain
background
valuable
gathering

interest

public
special
lower
high
mortgage
real
fixed
particular
shown
take (an N in)
expressed
vested
common
strong



	N was resolved		modern
interests	item	knowledge	native
(in the) best	news	common	official
protect	job	prior	law
outside	do	acquired	breaking
vested	good	required	passed
varied	get	background	enforce
serve	part-time	expert	
pursue	lost	N + gained	leader
defend	find	full	opposition
	quit	working	
investment	full-time	special	letter
foreign	finish	true	quick
capital	leave	professional	post
business	proper	intimate	business
made	jobs	specific	resignation
increase	create	wide	
major	lost	labour	level
direct	temporary	female	high
attract	do	temporary	low
massive	odd	land	top
	save	housing	reached
issue	shed (number)	held	intermediate
big	secure	open	current
major	permanent	work (verb)	water
raised (an N)	unskilled	native	achieved
key	full-time	farming	
sensitive	king	waste	life
central	crowned	language	real
take N	late	foreign	family
crucial	appointed	use	everyday
fundamental		speak	whole
controversial			private
serious			normal
complex			



live
saved
personal
public
early
spent
daily
lead

light

bright
shed
natural
low
throw
switch (on/off)
turned (on/off)
strong
cast
flashing
soft
cold
shining
pale
full
fading
flickering
clear

line

direct
railway
draw (verb)
straight
crossed

fine
take
dividing

list

long
full
make
complete
drawn (up)
compiled

lives

save
past
live
lost
private
claimed (a number
of)
risk
lead
cost
daily
spend
everyday
separate
ordinary
normal

look

take
have
quick
closer

hard
gave
shot
(take a) fresh N
(at)

loss

weight
memory
suffered
hair
caused
total
made N
reported
blood
hearing
great
job
lead (to N)
consequential
felt
considerable
cover (the N)
substantial
serious
severe
incurred
major
complete

lot

awful
whole

love

making
fall
true
real
young
passionate
wonderful

machine

use

man

big
tall
small
dark

market

free
housing
major

material

raw

materials

building

matter

simple
further
serious
referred
raised



resolved

means

provide
effective
use
possible
alternative
private
necessary

measure

(in) large
temporary
(in) small
(in) equal
give
provide
(in) full

meeting

annual
held
summit
emergency
called
arranged
adjourned

member

family
former
senior
leading
active

elected

union
full

memory

short-term
stored
long
used
working
short
visual
long-term
recent

412 memories

childhood
brought (back)
happy
past
fond
vivid
old
long

method

use
payment
effective
simple
alternative
traditional
adopted
applied
preferred
provide

mind

bear
keep
open (adj)
had
crossed
conscious
came (to/into N)

minister

appointed
junior
elected

minute

hang
take
hold
full

model

following (verb)
developed
top

moment

right
long
paused
took
brief
precise

money

spend
save
get
make
raise
waste
earn
give
(pay) good

month

past
spent

morning

early
late
spent
bright

mother

single
foster

movement

rights N

music

played
classical
live
popular
traditional
loud



contemporary
make
written
composed

name

real
given
put
full
proper
second
last

names

give
call (someone's N)

nature

human
N+ calls

need

urgent
feel
desperate
meet
stressed
N + arises

needs

meet (verb)
individual
suit (verb)
satisfy

strong

news

good
radio
national
world
bad
told
daily
brief
today
latest
broke (the N to)
television
heard
tonight
N + reached
spread

night

spent
stay
opening
dark
early

nights

sleepless
spent

note

take
made (a mental)
left

mental
delivery

number

large
small
increasing
growing
limited
total
increased
significant
greater
reduce
considerable
substantial
high

office

took
held

officer

chief
army
prison

oil

virgin
cooking

operation

rescue
police
major

successful
performed
underwent
military
emergency

opportunity

given
equal
take
provide
unique
golden
missed
perfect
offered
rare
ideal
seize
the N presented
itself
excellent
ample
real
arose

order

make
keep
maintain
standing
restore
pecking
rigid
working



good
put
established
take

page
blank
turn
printed
(on the) opposite
previous

paper
printed

parent
single
elderly

parents
foster
adoptive
working
single

part
take (N)
play (the/a)
integral
large
major
essential
small
vital
form

significant
full

parts
spare
component
constituent
played
separate

party
ruling
opposition
led

patients
treated

pattern
follow
set
established
regular
shows
complex
common
repeated

people
ordinary
working
elderly
disabled

period
minimum
extended
trial
limited
prolonged
considerable
maximum

performance
strong
poor
improve
outstanding
live
impressive
give

person
missing
average
single
disabled
elderly
authorised

picture
exclusive
complete
taken
shows
clear
overall
N + emerges
accurate

mental
presented
similar
full

place
take
wrong
(final) resting N
safe
right
put
secure

plan
peace
action
radical
approved
strategic
drawn up
adopted
ambitious
prepare

plant
processing
reprocessing

player
former
outstanding

point
made



reached
whole
prove
raised

police
called
questioned

policy
foreign
monetary
common
made
adopted

population
civilian
large
entire
total
whole
overall

position
strong
hold
difficult
marginal
dominant
placed (in)
maintain
privileged
competitive
leading

strengthen
reached

power
use
labour
real
seized
exercise
increase
vested
full
held

practice
common
private (doctors)
medical
classroom

president
former
elected
re-elected

pressure
put N on
high
increasing
(peer) group
intense
enormous
growing
low
applied

came (under N)
considerable
exerted
take N off
strong
constant
heavy
severe

price
high
retail
average
low
increase
expected
full
fixed
reasonable
fair
put
reduced
competitive

principle
general
basic
fundamental
established
underlying

principles
basic
general
fundamental

apply
underlying
established
guiding
broad

problem
solve
real
major
serious
big
particular
lies
tackle
overcome
common
faced
arises
cause
resolve
sort (out)
address

procedure
followed
standard
using
normal
adopted
complaints + N

process
whole
involved



decision-making
continuous
complete
gradual
lengthy

production

increase
stage
theatre

profit

net
make
increase
gross
small

programme

major
full
launched
extensive
current
completed
run
ambitious

project

whole
completed
complete
ambitious
run

product

final
make
launch+ N
competitive
created

property

private
commercial
land
owned
(to) purchase

proposal

rejected
made
accepted
original
approved

provision

made
adequate

pupil

former

purpose

serve
sole
general
specific
primary
useful

real
special
intended
dual
quality
high
good

top
poor
improve
excellent
air
superb
low
total

question

answer
ask
simple
raised
N + remains
whole
posed
real
address
begs
crucial
central
relevant
fundamental

range

wide
long

full
offers
free
broad
vast
complete

rate

fixed
Inflation
low

reason

(for the) simple
(there is) real
(for no) apparent
given a reason
major
sufficient
(for some)
unknown

record

world
set the record
breaking
unbeaten
criminal
keeping
poor
impressive
held
achieved



relation

bear
close

relationship

close
loving
special
working
lasting
love
serious
direct
strong
establish
developed
inverse
causal
intimate
to end
see
public
maintain

report

full
final
N+ released
issued

research

shows
done
suggests
further

carried
conducted
future

respect

mutual
great
due
earned

respects

pay

resource

human
valuable
natural

resources

natural
human
available
limited
energy
required
existing
increase

response

immediate
positive
sexual
public
initial
poor

emotional
given
rapid
quick

responsibility

take
accept
personal
full
moral
assume
given

rest

spend (the)
have
get
take
give

result

direct
final
net
achieve
inevitable
produce
overall
further
poor
significant
desired

right

vote + N

rights

pension
full
minority

risk

high
reduce
take
increased
run
put
serious
potential
involved
significant
minimise
grave

road

main
cross
busy
major
line (the N with
people)

role

play
key
leading
major



active
central
vital
starring
crucial
take
traditional
supporting
prominent
passive
essential
minor

room
double
single
leave
main
TV

rule
(as a) general
golden
established

sales
retail
increased
record
rose
annual
boost
total
direct
potential

expected

scheme
training
launched
successful
designed
devised

school
left
medical
went
whole

sea
open
calm

season
start

seat
back
front
passenger
take
rear
driver's
driving
parliamentary
marginal

secretary
former

private
appointed

section
previous
final
separate
further

sector
voluntary

security
top
maximum
increased

sense
make
strong
real
false
true

series
whole
drama
comedy
documentary
produced
launched
final
successful
present
runs

service
free
telephone
provide
memorial
intelligence
advisory
delivery
full
postal
security
regular

set
complete
full
whole
standard
single

site
(a + number) acre +
N
caravan
archaeological
suitable
construction

show
put (on a N)
live
quiz
open
go (on N)



held
run
annual

shop

gift
pet
run
antique
video
High (Street)
souvenir

side

(left-right) hand
wrong
dark

sides

opposite
N + agreed
take

sign

(a) good
shows
little
gave
(a) sure
visible
made (a/no N)

situation

current
present

improve
desperate
remedy
impossible
intolerable

size

small
full
large
fits
increase
half (the N)
standard

average
medium
reduce

skill

required
considerable

society

modern
whole
classless
high

son

eldest
baby
oldest
illegitimate

sorts

all

sound

heard
poor
made
loud
distant
turned
(down/up/off)
soft
deep
produce

source

major
single
primary
valuable
constant
principal

space

storage
open
parking
limited
living
extra
empty
little
use
free

staff

trained
support
extra
permanent
qualified
experienced

stage

early
final
reached
retirement
further

standard

high
poor
set
required
double
reasonable
maintain
meet
improve
low
minimum
acceptable

standards

safety
meet
raise
minimum

**state**

mental
declared
announced

statement

issued
N+ said
made
joint
monthly
released

station

radio
tv

step

take
further
big
major
unusual
positive
necessary
significant
essential

story

tell
true
full
main
real
big

street

side
walking (up/down
the N)
busy

structure

family

student

former

study

present + N
N + found
recent
pilot
showed
carried
conducted
research
major
reported
undertaken
designed
significant

style

traditional
classic
unique
adopt

success

huge
achieved
enjoyed
make
considerable
major
ensure
early
guarantee
relative
continuing
outstanding
likely
immediate

summer

late
spent
early
dry
full

support

strong
public
provide
received
family
technical
giving
emotional
substantial

system

welfare

table

league
lay the N

tax

increases
gross

task

impossible
daunting
simple
tough
set (himself)
perform
take (on/over)
carry out
completed (verb)
faced
undertake
formidable
hard

teacher

former
primary (school)

team

dream
national
winning
N + won



led
beat
support + N

technique

using
developed
useful
applied
simple
effective
employed

technology

new
latest
advanced
using
developed

terms

practical
general
agreed (to the N)
broad
(on) equal
(in) absolute
accept
relative

test

fitness
passed
final
failed

have
put (to the N)
take
showed
pilot
standard

theory

critical

thing

whole
(do the) right
real
(do the) wrong

thought

spare (a N)
given
bear
(a N) struck
(a N) occurred
deep
careful
N came (to
me/mind)
serious
conscious
modern

thoughts

on second
interrupted

time

long
spend
short
waste
take
spare
give
present
working

title

world
won
national
defend
retain
full
took

trade

world
foreign
retail

training

job
youth
teacher
vocational
professional
staff
military
management
provide

formal
intensive
further
college
do (some)
in-service
initial
given
quality
received
business
full

treatment

have
medical
hospital
further
require
receiving
drug
given
emergency
effective
preferential
prescribed
surgical
undergoing
following

tv

watching
live
colour



type

particular
certain
common
media

union

join

unit

family
hospital

use

drug
make
good (make
good/full N of)
widespread
full
extensive

user

allows

uses

common

value

good N (for
money)
great
added
total
real

high

equal

increase

full

add

true

estimated

critical

fair

version

film

original

final

current

launched

view

take (the + N)

shared

full

expressed

support

give

clear

held

(give) a true (and
fair)

accept

voice

low

loud

soft

deep

quiet

high

lowered

raised

clear

husky

harsh

hoarse

cracked

sharp

war

end

declared

N+ broke (out)

fought

water

fresh

deep

running

clean

salt

still

shallow

way

long

go

find

get

make (someone's
N)

come

easy

ways

separate

find

alternative

explore

develop

subtle

week

past

spent

previous

whole

coming

wife

second

left + N

former

estranged

village

fishing

pretty

situated

picturesque

quiet

deserted

attractive

window

front

back

smashed



rear

year

woman

past

beautiful

coming

attractive

full

pretty

start

tall

take

(good) looking

spent

word

use

say

spread

key

final

work

hard

do

started

voluntary

charity

carried (out)

find

paid

major

community



world

real

whole

modern

developing