

Practice on “collocation”

Task 1

Look at these pairs of words:

work / job

fine/ ticket

view/ opinion

critic / criticism

Can you define the difference between words in each pair?

Can you list collocates of each word?

Task 2

What event, situation or topic does each of these collocations suggest

widely available

disperse the crowd

catch up with the news

routine check-up

boost employment

Task 3

Speak, say or tell?

1. I can't ... for the rest of the staff, though.
2. As I ..., they have already appointed somebody.
3. Don't worry. Everything you ... me is confidential.
4. UN sources ... an agreement is going to be reached soon.
5. Actions ... louder than words.
6. Can I ... to Mr Daer, please?
7. ... me everything about it!
8. You'd better do exactly what the doctor ...
9. You'd better do exactly what the doctor ... you to do.

Task 4

Read carefully these two web pages

<https://www.kent.ac.uk/smsas/currentstudents/exams.html>

<http://www.aston.ac.uk/current-students/hub/advice-zone/academic-advice/exams-assessment/>

and identify collocates for the following words:

exam

mark

course

module

A collocation game

Guess which particular word each row of words are collocates for.

- 1. apply for, look for, get, lose, hold down**
- 2. foreign, spoken, written, sign, strong**
- 3. plain, dark, white, bitter, milk, bar of**
- 4. revise for, re-sit, pass, fail, take**
- 5. administrative, applicable, civil, criminal, federal**