

COLLOCATION

Have you ever thought; what are collocations? Common linguistic associations between words are called collocations. Meaning is created by the combination of these words that cannot be deduced from the meanings of the terms taken separately. We prefer “make a mistake” over “do a mistake” and “commit a mistake.” The same goes for the difference between “take a shower” and “have a shower” or “do a shower.”

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Q1: I can't find my keys. Have you seen them ____?

A: in the drawer

B: under the sofa

Q2: I need to ____ a decision about which university to attend.

A: make

B: do

Q3: The movie was so ____ that I fell asleep halfway through.

A: exciting

B: boring

Q4: Can you ____ me a hand with these boxes?

A: give

B: take

Q5: I usually ____ my lunch break to go for a walk.

A: take

B: make

Q6: My grandfather always ____ me the same advice: work hard and be kind.

A: gives

B: takes

Q7: We need to ____ the best way to solve this problem.

A: find

B: take

Q8: He's ____ with a bad cold, so he won't be coming to work today.

A: taken

B: come down

Q9: I ____ my bike to work every day.

A: take

B: make

Q10: I'm not sure if I'm ready to ____ the responsibility of being a manager.

A: take

B: make



Answers

Q1: B - under the sofa

Q2: A - make

Q3: B - boring

Q4: A - give

Q5: A - take

Q6: A - gives

Q7: A - find

Q8: B - come down

Q9: A - take

Q10: A - take