

## B1 Preliminary Reading Part 5 - Collocations

### A. Discuss the questions with a partner.

1. What do you enjoy about markets or other events in your town?
2. How could volunteers help to make a local event successful?

### B. Complete the sentences with the words in each pair. Use each word once.

1. **make / do**: Please ..... a decision. Just ..... your best.
2. **take / give**: Will you ..... part? Can you ..... me some advice?
3. **pay / ask**: Please ..... attention. You must ..... permission.
4. **have / keep**: Let's ..... a chat. Always ..... your promises.
5. **make / do**: I want to ..... friends. First, I'll ..... my homework.
6. **take / catch**: Let's ..... a break. Then we can ..... the bus.
7. **spend / save**: Switch lights off to ..... energy. Don't ..... time waiting.
8. **raise / tell**: Let's ..... money for charity. I'll ..... you a story.

### C. Read the text. For questions 1–6, choose A, B, C or D. Example 0 is done.

#### Helping at a local market

West Norwood Feast is a (0) ..... market in London with food, crafts and music. Volunteers help organise the event. If you would like to (1) ..... part, you can offer a few hours of your time.

As a new helper, you need to (2) ..... attention to instructions so that you know what to do. More experienced volunteers can give advice if you have questions. There is also time to (3) ..... a chat with visitors and make them feel welcome.

Some volunteers help (4) ..... money for the market, while others organise activities. Working with local people is a chance to (5) ..... friends. If you offer to help, remember to (6) ..... your promise: the team will be expecting you. You can spend time doing something useful while enjoying an event close to home.

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| 0 <b>A</b> local | B silent | C empty | D foreign |
| 1    A bring     | B take   | C put   | D set     |
| 2    A take      | B make   | C pay   | D do      |
| 3    A have      | B do     | C keep  | D make    |
| 4    A lift      | B owe    | C grow  | D raise   |
| 5    A take      | B build  | C make  | D do      |
| 6    A hold      | B keep   | C stay  | D save    |

## Collocations - Language reference

Use these expressions in your own sentences. Notice the words that go together.

**make a decision:** choose what to do  
*We must make a decision today.*

**make friends:** start new friendships  
*I made friends at my new school.*

**make an effort:** try hard to do something  
*Make an effort to speak English.*

**make a mistake:** do something incorrectly  
*Don't worry if you make a mistake.*

**do your best:** try as hard as you can  
*Just do your best in the exam.*

**do homework:** complete work set outside class  
*I do my homework after dinner.*

**do the shopping:** buy things you need  
*I do the shopping on Saturdays.*

**do the washing-up:** wash plates, cups and other dishes  
*I'll do the washing-up tonight.*

**take part:** join an activity  
*I took part in the school play.*

**take a break:** stop work for a short time  
*Let's take a break for lunch.*

**take a photo:** use a camera to make a picture  
*Can you take a photo of us?*

**take notes:** write down important information  
*Take notes while you listen.*

**keep a promise:** do what you said you would do  
*You can trust her to keep a promise.*

**keep a secret:** not tell private information  
*Can you keep a secret?*

**keep in touch:** continue contacting someone  
*We keep in touch by email.*

**give advice:** suggest what someone should do  
*My teacher gave me good advice.*

**have a chat:** talk in a friendly, informal way  
*We had a chat after class.*

**have fun:** enjoy yourself  
*We had fun at the festival.*

**have a look:** look at something briefly  
*Have a look at this map.*

**pay attention:** listen or watch carefully  
*Pay attention to the instructions.*

**pay a fine:** give money as a punishment  
*He had to pay a parking fine.*

**pay a bill:** give money for a service  
*We paid the electricity bill.*

**break a rule:** do something that is not allowed  
*You mustn't break the school rules.*

**break a record:** do better than the previous best  
*She broke the school running record.*

**miss a train:** arrive too late to catch a train  
*We missed the last train home.*

**miss an opportunity:** lose a chance to do something  
*Don't miss this opportunity to learn.*

**ask permission:** check that you are allowed to act  
*Ask permission before taking photos.*

**catch a bus:** get on a bus to travel  
*We caught a bus to the museum.*

**raise money:** collect money for a purpose  
*We raised money for a charity.*

**save energy:** use less electricity or fuel  
*Turning lights off saves energy.*

**spend time:** use time for an activity  
*I spend time helping my neighbours.*

**tell a story:** describe real or imagined events  
*Grandad told us a funny story.*

## Answer Key

### A.

Answers vary.

### B.

1. make; do
2. take; give
3. pay; ask
4. have; keep
5. make; do
6. take; catch
7. save; spend
8. raise; tell

### C.

0. A local
1. B take
2. C pay
3. A have
4. D raise
5. C make
6. B keep