

Collocations

A collocation is made up of two or more words that are commonly used together in English. Think of collocations as words that can go together. They have a meaning on their own; and then when they are put together there is a different meaning.

There are different kinds of collocations in English. The following are some examples of noun / noun collocations:

Noun 1	Noun 2	Noun / Noun	Sample sentences
Coffee	Table	Coffee table	I have a coffee table in my sitting room
Chest	Nut	Chestnut	I love to eat chestnuts in my muesli.
Sauce	Pan	Saucepan	I have six saucepans in my kitchen.
Vacuum	Cleaner	Vacuum cleaner	I have to use a vacuum cleaner to clean my carpets.
Book	Case	Bookcase	I have two bookcases in my sitting room.
Fire	Work	Firework	I love seeing fireworks go off on bonfire night.
Light	Bulb	Light bulb	Light bulbs are good to improve the lighting.
Dish	Washer	Dishwasher	I would love to have a dishwasher as I hate washing up.
Tea	Spoon	Teaspoon	I never have enough teaspoons in the drawer.
Arm	Chair	Armchair	I have two armchairs in my sitting room.
Pen	Knife	Penknife	I always take a penknife with me when I travel.
Coat	Hanger	Coat hanger	I have lots of coat hangers in my wardrobe.
Sun	Glasses	Sunglasses	In the summer I wear sunglasses every day.
Drain	Pipe	Drainpipe	I have a drainpipe on the side of my house.
Seat	Belt	Seatbelt	When you drive a car you must wear a seatbelt .
Letter	Box	Letter box	I have a letter box on my front door for the post.
Bath	Room	Bathroom	I have three bathrooms in my house.