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COLLOCATIONS

THE COMPLETE PACK

SET 1 - DO

1. DO YOUR HOMEWORK

Definition: Complete your assigned schoolwork or tasks.

Examples:

1. Sarah, make sure to do your homework before going out with your friends tonight.
2. He couldn't go to the party because he had to do his homework for tomorrow's class.

2. DO THE DISHES

Definition: Wash and clean the dishes and kitchen utensils after a meal.

Examples:

1. After dinner, it's your turn to do the dishes tonight.
2. I don't mind cooking, but someone else needs to volunteer to do the dishes.

3. DO YOUR BEST

Definition: Give maximum effort or perform to the best of your ability.

Examples:

1. Even though the competition is tough, I'll do my best to win the race.
2. The team didn't win, but they certainly did their best in the championship game.

4. DO A FAVOR

Definition: Help someone by performing a kind or helpful action.

Examples:

1. Can you do me a favor and pick up some groceries on your way home?
2. I'll be happy to do you a favor by watching your dog while you're on vacation.

5. DO THE LAUNDRY

Definition: Wash, dry, and fold your clothes and other garments.

Examples:

1. I need to set aside some time this weekend to do the laundry.
2. She prefers to do the laundry in the evening so she can relax on weekends.



SET 1 - DO

6. DO BUSINESS

Definition: Engage in commercial or trade activities.

Examples:

1. His family has been in the restaurant business; they do business all over the city.
2. It's essential to do business ethically and maintain a good reputation.

7. DO A PROJECT

Definition: Work on and complete a specific task or assignment.

Examples:

1. We need to do a project together for the science fair; any ideas?
2. I have to do a project for work that's due by the end of the week.

8. DO RESEARCH

Definition: Conduct a systematic investigation to gather information or knowledge.

Examples:

1. Researchers do research to better understand the causes of climate change.
2. Before making a decision, it's crucial to do some research to gather all the facts.

9. DO EXERCISES

Definition: Engage in physical activities for health or fitness.

Examples:

1. To stay fit and healthy, I try to do exercises at the gym three times a week.
2. She enjoys hiking in the mountains as a way to do exercises and connect with nature.

10. DO YOGA

Definition: Practice a system of physical and mental exercises for well-being.

Examples:

1. Many people find it beneficial to do yoga to start their day with a clear mind.
2. Doing yoga regularly has helped her reduce stress and improve her flexibility.



SET 2 - MAKE

11. MAKE A DECISION

Definition: Choose or reach a conclusion about something.

Examples:

1. It took a while to make a decision, but I've finally decided to study abroad.
2. Let's discuss the pros and cons before we make a decision on which car to buy.

12. MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Definition: Have a positive impact or effect on a situation or outcome.

Examples:

1. Your support and encouragement can make a difference in the lives of these children.
2. Volunteering your time can make a difference in the local community.

13. MAKE A PLAN

Definition: Create a strategy or course of action.

Examples:

1. Before our road trip, let's make a plan to ensure we visit all the places we want to see.
2. Successful entrepreneurs often make a plan outlining their business goals.

14. MAKE A CHOICE

Definition: Select an option from available alternatives.

Examples:

1. It can be challenging to make a choice when there are so many items on the menu.
2. We need to make a choice between renovating our home or moving to a new one.

15. MAKE A PHONE CALL

Definition: Place a telephone call to someone.

Examples:

1. I'll make a phone call to the client to discuss the project's details.
2. Don't forget to make a phone call to your grandparents.



SET 2 - MAKE

16. MAKE A RESERVATION

Definition: Book or secure a spot or service in advance.

Examples:

1. It's advisable to make a reservation at the restaurant for Saturday night.
2. We should make a reservation for the hotel as soon as possible to secure a room.

17. MAKE PROGRESS

Definition: Move forward or improve in a particular area.

Examples:

1. With consistent effort, you'll make progress in your language skills.
2. The team has been working hard, and we're starting to see some real progress.

18. MAKE AN EFFORT

Definition: Put energy or attempt to achieve something.

Examples:

1. She always makes an effort to be punctual for meetings.
2. If you make an effort to practice every day, you'll improve your musical skills.

19. MAKE A STATEMENT

Definition: Express a clear opinion or convey a strong message.

Examples:

1. Her bold choice of outfit certainly made a statement at the party.
2. The artist's painting makes a statement about the environment and climate change.

20. MAKE A COMMITMENT

Definition: Promise or pledge to do something or follow through on an obligation.

Examples:

1. Before joining the club, you need to make a commitment to attend regular meetings.
2. They made a commitment to each other to support their dreams and aspirations.



SET 3 - TAKE

21. TAKE A BREAK

Definition: Pause or rest briefly from an activity.

Examples:

1. After working for hours on the computer, it's essential to take a break.
2. Let's take a break and have a cup of tea before we continue.

22. TAKE A NAP

Definition: Have a short sleep, typically during the day.

Examples:

1. I often take a nap in the afternoon to recharge my energy.
2. If you're feeling tired, a 20-minute nap can make a big difference.

23. TAKE A SHOWER

Definition: Cleanse the body by standing under flowing water.

Examples:

1. I need to take a shower and get ready before the party tonight.
2. After a long hike, it's so refreshing to take a shower and wash off the sweat.

24. TAKE A WALK

Definition: Go for a leisurely stroll or walk outdoors.

Examples:

1. Let's take a walk in the park and enjoy the beautiful weather.
2. I like to take a walk along the beach to clear my mind.

25. TAKE A CHANCE

Definition: Risk or attempt something uncertain.

Examples:

1. Sometimes, you have to take a chance to achieve your goals.
2. He decided to take a chance and invest in the startup.



SET 3 - TAKE

26. TAKE A PHOTO

Definition: Capture an image using a camera.

Examples:

1. The sunset was so stunning that I had to take a photograph of it.
2. She loves to take photographs of nature and wildlife during her travels.

27. TAKE A MESSAGE

Definition: Receive and record a message for someone.

Examples:

1. While I'm away, please take a message for me if anyone calls.
2. The receptionist will take a message and make sure it gets to the right person.

28. TAKE A RISK

Definition: Engage in a situation with an uncertain outcome.

Examples:

1. Entrepreneurship often involves the willingness to take a risk for potential rewards.
2. We need to decide whether to take a risk and invest in this venture or play it safe.

29. TAKE A HINT

Definition: Understand or perceive a subtle suggestion or clue.

Examples:

1. She yawned during the meeting, she didn't take the hint that we needed her input.
2. I've been dropping hints about my birthday, I hope you'll take the hint.

30. TAKE A STAND

Definition: Express and maintain a particular position or viewpoint.

Examples:

1. It's important to take a stand on issues you care about and advocate for change.
2. The organization decided to take a stand against discrimination and intolerance.



SET 4 - GET

31. GET A JOB

Definition: Find employment or secure work.

Examples:

1. After months of searching, she finally got a job as a graphic designer.
2. Getting a job can be challenging, but sooner or later you can get a job that you enjoy.

32. GET A HAIRCUT

Definition: Have your hair trimmed or styled by a professional.

Examples:

1. I'm planning to get a haircut this weekend and try a new hairstyle.
2. He decided to get a haircut to freshen up his appearance for the job interview.

33. GET A DEGREE

Definition: Earn an academic qualification or diploma.

Examples:

1. She worked hard for years to get a degree in engineering.
2. Earning a bachelor's degree is an important milestone in many people's lives.

34. GET MARRIED

Definition: Enter into a legal or formal union with a spouse.

Examples:

1. They are planning to get married in a small, intimate ceremony.
2. Getting married is a celebration of love and commitment.

35. GET A PROMOTION

Definition: Receive an advancement or raise in your career.

Examples:

1. After years of dedication, he finally got a promotion to a managerial position.
2. She was thrilled to get a promotion and take on more responsibilities at work.



SET 4 - GET

36. GET A TICKET

Definition: Obtain a pass or permission for an event or transportation.

Examples:

1. Don't forget to get a ticket for the concert before they sell out.
2. We need to get tickets for the train ride to the city next weekend.

37. GET AN EDUCATION

Definition: Receive instruction and training in a formal setting.

Examples:

1. Access to quality education is essential for children to get an education.
2. Many individuals return to school later in life to get an education.

38. GET A RAISE

Definition: Receive an increase in salary or wages.

Examples:

1. He worked diligently and was delighted to get a raise after the performance review.
2. Negotiating with your employer is one way to get a raise.

39. GET A GIFT

Definition: Acquire a present or something given to you.

Examples:

1. She was surprised to get a gift from her coworkers on her last day at the office.
2. Getting a thoughtful gift can brighten anyone's day.

40. GET A CHANCE

Definition: Have an opportunity or possibility to do something.

Examples:

1. If you get a chance, I recommend visiting the art museum downtown.
2. They were excited to get a chance to travel to Europe for the first time.



SET 5 - GIVE

41. GIVE A GIFT

Definition: Present someone with a token of affection or generosity.

Examples:

1. I want to give a gift to my sister for her birthday, but I'm not sure what she'd like.
2. It's a custom to give gifts during the holiday season to show appreciation.

42. GIVE ADVICE

Definition: Offer suggestions or recommendations to help someone.

Examples:

1. She often turns to her parents for advice when making important life decisions.
2. If you need advice on where to go on vacation, just ask.

43. GIVE A HAND

Definition: Provide assistance or help with a task.

Examples:

1. Can you give me a hand moving this heavy furniture upstairs?
2. When organizing a charity event, volunteers are always needed to give a hand.

44. GIVE AN OPINION

Definition: Share your thoughts or viewpoint on a matter.

Examples:

1. It's essential for everyone to give their opinion during team meetings.
2. I'd like to give my opinion on this issue because I think it's important.

45. GIVE A SPEECH

Definition: Deliver a formal presentation or address to an audience.

Examples:

1. The CEO will give a speech at the company's annual conference.
2. It can be nerve-wracking to give a speech in front of a large audience.



SET 5 - GIVE

46. GIVE A COMPLIMENT

Definition: Express admiration or praise to someone.

Examples:

1. Don't forget to give a compliment to the chef; the meal was fantastic.
2. She appreciated the compliment about her new hairstyle.

47. GIVE A PRESENTATION

Definition: Speak or demonstrate on a specific topic.

Examples:

1. Tomorrow, I'll give a presentation on the latest market trends in the tech industry.
2. To ace the class, you'll need to give a presentation on a historical event.

48. GIVE A RECOMMENDATION

Definition: Offer a favorable suggestion or endorsement.

Examples:

1. Can you give me a recommendation for a good book to read this summer?
2. I asked my former boss to give me a recommendation for my job application.

49. GIVE A WARNING

Definition: Provide notice or caution about a potential danger.

Examples:

1. The lifeguard will give a warning if the water conditions become unsafe for swimming.
2. It's essential to give a warning about the icy roads to prevent accidents.

50. GIVE A SHOUT-OUT

Definition: Publicly acknowledge someone for their efforts or achievements.

Examples:

1. They'll give a shout-out to the volunteers who made the event possible.
2. I want to give a shout-out to my amazing team for their hard work on this project.



SET 6 - KEEP

51. KEEP A SECRET

Definition: Refrain from sharing confidential information.

Examples:

1. I can trust her to keep a secret; she's never betrayed my confidence before.
2. It's crucial to keep a secret when entrusted with sensitive information.

52. KEEP A PROMISE

Definition: Fulfill or honor a commitment made to someone.

Examples:

1. He always does his best to keep his promises to his children.
2. I'll make sure to keep my promise and attend your art show next week.

53. KEEP THE PEACE

Definition: Maintain a state of calm or prevent conflicts.

Examples:

1. The diplomats worked tirelessly to keep the peace between the two nations.
2. In a crowded household, it's essential to keep the peace to maintain harmony.

54. KEEP IN TOUCH

Definition: Stay connected or maintain contact with someone.

Examples:

1. Even though we live in different cities, we keep in touch through regular video calls.
2. It's been years since we last met, but we still keep in touch on social media.

55. KEEP A JOURNAL

Definition: Write down personal thoughts and experiences regularly.

Examples:

1. Writing in a journal helps me reflect on my day and emotions.
2. She decided to keep a journal to document her travels and adventures.



SET 6 - KEEP

56. KEEP A STRAIGHT FACE

Definition: Refrain from showing emotion or laughter in a serious situation.

Examples:

1. Despite the comedian's jokes, he managed to keep a straight face while performing.
2. During the serious discussion, it was challenging for everyone to keep a straight face.

57. KEEP THE FAITH

Definition: Maintain belief or trust in someone or something.

Examples:

1. In difficult times, it's essential to keep the faith and believe that things will get better.
2. She keeps the faith that her hard work will eventually lead to success.

58. KEEP A CLOSE WATCH

Definition: Monitor or supervise closely.

Examples:

1. The security team will keep a close watch on the premises during the event.
2. As a parent, it's natural to keep a close watch on your child's activities.

59. KEEP AN EYE ON

Definition: Watch or observe something or someone attentively.

Examples:

1. Can you keep an eye on my bag while I use the restroom?
2. It's important to keep an eye on the weather forecast when planning outdoor events.

60. KEEP YOUR WORD

Definition: Fulfill a promise or commitment as pledged.

Examples:

1. He always keeps his word, so you can trust that he'll be there on time.
2. Keeping your word is a sign of integrity and reliability in personal relationships.



SET 7 - CATCH

61. CATCH A COLD

Definition: Become infected with a common respiratory illness.

Examples:

1. She caught a cold after being exposed to the flu virus at work.
2. To avoid catching a cold, remember to wash your hands frequently during flu season.

62. CATCH A BALL

Definition: Intercept and hold a thrown or hit ball.

Examples:

1. He made an incredible play to catch the ball before it went over the fence.
2. I need to improve my skills and catch the ball more consistently.

63. CATCH THE BUS

Definition: Board a public transportation vehicle.

Examples:

1. We need to hurry if we want to catch the bus to downtown.
2. I missed my alarm and couldn't catch the bus to work this morning.

64. CATCH A THIEF

Definition: Apprehend or stop someone attempting theft.

Examples:

1. The quick-thinking security guard managed to catch the thief red-handed.
2. It's essential to catch a thief to prevent further theft and protect others.

65. CATCH A GLIMPSE

Definition: See something briefly or momentarily.

Examples:

1. As the curtain lifted, the audience got to catch a glimpse of the stunning set design.
2. I was lucky to catch a glimpse of the rare bird before it flew away.



SET 7 - CATCH

66. CATCH A MOVIE

Definition: Watch a film at a cinema.

Examples:

1. Let's catch a movie this weekend; there's a new release I've been wanting to see.
2. I enjoy going to the theater to catch a movie on the big screen.

67. CATCH A WAVE

Definition: Ride a breaking wave, often in surfing.

Examples:

1. Surfers from around the world flock to this beach to catch a wave.
2. Learning to catch a wave is challenging but incredibly rewarding.

68. CATCH A TRAIN

Definition: Board and travel on a railway locomotive.

Examples:

1. We need to leave early to catch the train to the conference.
2. If you don't catch the train on time, you'll miss the meeting.

69. CATCH A FLIGHT

Definition: Board an aircraft for a journey.

Examples:

1. We need to hurry to the airport to catch our flight to the tropical island.
2. She arrived early to ensure she would catch her flight to the international conference.

70. CATCH SOMEONE'S EYE

Definition: Attract someone's attention or notice.

Examples:

1. The colorful artwork in the gallery caught my eye immediately.
2. His unique fashion style always manages to catch people's eyes at events.



SET 8 - COME

71. COME HOME

Definition: Return to your place of residence.

Examples:

1. After a long day at work, there's nothing better than coming home to relax.
2. They can't wait to come home and see their family during the holidays.

72. COME BACK

Definition: Return to a previous location or state.

Examples:

1. She promised to come back to visit her hometown after moving abroad.
2. I hope the warm weather comes back soon; I miss sunny days.

73. COME EARLY

Definition: Arrive before the expected or appointed time.

Examples:

1. To ensure you get a good seat, it's best to come early to the concert.
2. Let's come early to the party to help with the preparations.

74. COME LATE

Definition: Arrive after the scheduled time.

Examples:

1. I'm sorry I came late to the meeting; there was unexpected traffic.
2. Please don't come late to the movie; it's starting on time.

75. COME PREPARED

Definition: Arrive with the necessary items or information.

Examples:

1. The hikers were well-equipped and came prepared with food and first-aid supplies.
2. To succeed in the competition, it's crucial to come prepared.



SET 8 - COME

76. COME OVER

Definition: Visit someone's home or location.

Examples:

1. Why don't you come over to my place for dinner this weekend?
2. I'm feeling a bit lonely; would you like to come over and watch a movie?

77. COME TO A DECISION

Definition: Reach a conclusion or make a choice.

Examples:

1. After hours of debate, the committee finally came to a decision.
2. It's time to come to a decision about where to go for our summer vacation.

78. COME TO AN AGREEMENT

Definition: Reach a consensus or understanding.

Examples:

1. The two parties in the negotiation were able to come to an agreement on the terms.
2. It can be challenging, but it's essential to come to an agreement in any partnership.

79. COME TO A CONCLUSION

Definition: Reach a final judgment or decision.

Examples:

1. The detective was able to come to a conclusion about the crime.
2. Let's discuss the options and come to a conclusion about the best course of action.

80. COME TO A COMPROMISE

Definition: Reach a mutual agreement or settlement.

Examples:

1. Both parties are willing to come to a compromise during disagreements.
2. The two countries had to come to a compromise to avoid a trade war



SET 9 - BREAK

81. BREAK A RECORD

Definition: Set a new achievement or surpass a previous one.

Examples:

1. The swimmer broke a record by finishing the race in record time.
2. Her incredible performance broke records for ticket sales at the box office.

82. BREAK A HABIT

Definition: Stop a routine or behavior, often a bad one.

Examples:

1. It can be challenging to break a habit like smoking, but it's worth the effort.
2. She needs to break the habit of checking her phone constantly.

83. BREAK THE NEWS

Definition: Share important or significant information.

Examples:

1. It's never easy to break the news of a loved one's passing.
2. Our manager gathered us to break the news about the company's restructuring.

84. BREAK A PROMISE

Definition: Fail to keep one's commitment or word.

Examples:

1. I'm disappointed that he broke his promise to help with the project.
2. Trust is easily eroded when someone breaks a promise repeatedly.

85. BREAK A WINDOW

Definition: Shatter or damage a glass window.

Examples:

1. He accidentally broke a window while playing baseball in the backyard.
2. The strong winds during the storm caused several branches to break a window.



SET 9 - BREAK

86. BREAK A LEG

Definition: Wish someone good luck, especially in the theater.

Examples:

1. "Break a leg!" I said to my friend before their big stage performance.
2. It's a tradition in the theater to say "break a leg" instead of "good luck."

87. BREAK THE ICE

Definition: Ease tension or initiate conversation in a social setting.

Examples:

1. At the networking event, the host told a joke to break the ice and get people talking.
2. Playing a game of "Two Truths and a Lie" is a fun way to break the ice at parties.

88. BREAK A RULE

Definition: Violate or disregard a specified regulation.

Examples:

1. It's essential to have consequences for those who break rules in a classroom.
2. He was penalized for breaking a rule during the soccer match.

89. BREAK THE CYCLE

Definition: Stop a recurring pattern or sequence.

Examples:

1. She sought therapy to break the cycle of unhealthy relationships.
2. To address the issue, it's important to break the cycle of procrastination.

90. BREAK A TIE

Definition: Determine a winner or resolve a draw in competition.

Examples:

1. In the event of a tie, they will break a tie with a sudden-death round.
2. The penalty shootout will break the tie and determine the championship winner.



SET 10 - PAY

91. PAY ATTENTION

Definition: Focus one's mind on something.

Examples:

1. It's important to pay attention during the safety briefing on the plane.
2. If you want to learn, you must pay attention in class and take good notes.

92. PAY RESPECT

Definition: Express admiration, gratitude, or praise.

Examples:

1. The military ceremony was a way to pay respect to those who served and sacrificed.
2. People often pay their respects by leaving flowers at a memorial.

93. PAY TRIBUTE

Definition: Returning to the initial planning or development stage after a failure.

Examples:

1. The concert was a tribute to the legendary musician who passed away.
2. At the retirement party, colleagues payed tribute to their departing coworker.

94. PAY DIVIDENDS

Definition: Provide financial returns on an investment.

Examples:

1. Investing in stocks can pay dividends in the long run if chosen wisely.
2. The decision to expand the business eventually paid dividends in increased profits.

95. PAY ROYALTIES

Definition: Provide compensation for the use of intellectual property.

Examples:

1. Authors and musicians receive royalties when their work is used in films.
2. Companies must pay royalties to use patented technologies.



SET 10 - PAY

96. PAY HOMAGE

Definition: Show deep respect or honor.

Examples:

1. The art exhibition was a way to pay homage to the artist's legacy.
2. People often pay homage to historical figures through monuments.

97. PAY INTEREST

Definition: Give money for the use of borrowed funds.

Examples:

1. When you take out a loan, you'll need to pay interest on the borrowed amount.
2. The bank account accrues interest, allowing you to pay interest to your savings.

98. PAY BY CREDIT CARD

Definition: Use a credit card for a financial transaction.

Examples:

1. It's convenient to pay by credit card when shopping online.
2. I usually pay by credit card for big purchases to earn rewards points.

99. PAY IN CASH

Definition: Use physical money for a purchase.

Examples:

1. Some businesses offer discounts if you pay in cash rather than using a credit card.
2. When traveling abroad, it's helpful to pay in cash for small expenses.

100. PAY ONLINE

Definition: Make a payment using the internet or electronic methods.

Examples:

1. Many people prefer to pay online for bills and services to save time and hassle.
2. The website provides a secure platform to pay online for products and subscriptions.

