

COLLOCATIONS with COMMON VERBS

| do | make | have | take | give |
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| a crossword | an appointment | an accident | action | sb an answer |
| damage | an attempt | an argument | a bath | sb a chance |
| a degree | the bed | a bath | a bite | a cry of pain |
| the dishes | a cake | a break | a break | sb a headache |
| an exam | changes | breakfast | the bus | sb help |
| the food for a party | a decision | cancer | a decision | sb an idea |
| French at school | dinner | a chat | a deep breath | the impression that... |
| the garden | an effort | a cold | sb's details | sb a kiss |
| your hair | a film | difficulty | a dislike to sb | sb lessons |
| 'Hamlet' | a fuss | a drink | an exam | sb a lift |
| your homework | a guess | a feeling | a guess | your opinion |
| judo | an impression | fun | a holiday | a party |
| miles per hour | a mark | a guess | an interest in sth | a performance |
| nothing | a mess | a heart attack | a look | sth a polish |
| Paris | a mistake | a holiday | a nap | sb a present |
| a photocopy | money | an idea | notes | priority to sth |
| research | a noise | an interest | a photo | sb a push |
| a sketch | peace | a look | size 10 | sb a shock |
| a translation | a photocopy | a meeting | a tablet | a sigh |
| the washing | progress | a party | sb's temperature | a speech |
| some writing | a promise | a nap | a walk | some thought to sth |
| | a sketch | an operation | | a welcome to sb |
| | a speech | patience | | |
| | a suggestion | problems | | |
| | your will | a shock | | |
| | | a snack | | |
| | | time | | |

- Find the nouns in the lists for tasks and duties (for example *do the dishes*). Which verb is the most often used? Which tasks are exceptions?
- Find expressions in each column that can be substituted by a single verb. (For example you can *do damage* to something or just *damage* something.) Which column has the most?
- Find expressions connected with the following:

| speaking | experiencing something | producing something using your hands, your mind or your skill | physical actions |
|---------------------------|-------------------------|---|-------------------------|
| <i>make/give a speech</i> | <i>have an accident</i> | <i>make dinner</i> | <i>have/take a bath</i> |

Can you see any patterns emerging? Are there any exceptions?