

Collocations of the day



hold talks /'həʊld 'tɔːks/

To have a conversation with someone.

[mantener conversaciones]

join efforts /'dʒɔɪn 'ɛfərts/ - **joint effort** /'dʒɔɪnt 'ɛfərt/

Something done by two or more people or groups working together.

[aunar esfuerzos - esfuerzo conjunto]

return address /rɪ'tɜːrn ə'dres/

The address to use when replying to a letter, etc., or that the post service should use when sending back a letter that cannot be delivered.

[dirección del remitente]

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foot soldier /'fʊt ,səʊl.dʒər/

A soldier belonging to the infantry.

People who seem unimportant and who do not have a high position but who do a large amount of very important and often very boring work.

[soldado de infantería - peón]

endless variety /'end.ləs və'raɪ.ə.ti/

A large number of different types of things or people.

[inmensa variedad]

deafening noise /'def.ən.ɪŋ nəɪz/

Extremely loud sound or sounds, especially when it is unwanted or unpleasant.

[ruido ensordecedor]

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outward flight /'aʊt.wəd 'flaɪt/

It is a journey that you make by plane from a place that you are intending to return to later.

[vuelo de ida]

aisle / window seat /'həʊmwərd 'flaɪt/

A seat on a mean of transport situated next to the aisle or next to the window.

[asiento de pasillo / ventana]

boarding pass / card /'bɔː.dɪŋ ,pɑːs/ /'bɔː.dɪŋ ,kɑːd/

A card that a passenger must have in order to be allowed to get on an aircraft or a ship.

[tarjeta de embarque]

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state school /'steɪt ,sku:l/

A school that is free to go to because the government provides the money for it

[colegio /escuela pública]

public school /,pʌb.lɪk 'sku:l/

In England, an expensive type of private school (= a school paid for by parents and not by the government).

[escuela/colegio privado]

boarding school /'bɔː.dɪŋ ,sku:l/

A school where students live and study.

[internado]

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Go bankrupt /'gəʊ 'bæŋkrəpt/

To be unable to pay what you owe, and having had control of your financial matters given, by a law court, to a person who sells your property to pay your debts.

[declararse en quiebra / quebrar / arruinarse]

Go bald /'gəʊ 'bɔːld/

To lose one's hair.

[quedarse calvo]

Go overseas /'gəʊ ,əʊvər'siːz/

To visit a foreign country.

[ir al extranjero]

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come close /'kʌm 'kləʊs/

To come near or nearer to something or someone in space, time, quality, or amount.

[acercarse]

go online /'gəʊ ,ɒn'laɪn/

To connect to the Internet

[conectarse a internet]

pay cash /'peɪ 'kæʃ/

To pay using coins or notes.

[pagar en efectivo]

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spare time /'speər'taɪm/

Time when you are not working or do not have anything you must do.

[timepo libre]

working class /,wɜː.kɪŋ 'klaːs/

A social group that consists of people who earn little money, often being paid only for the hours or days that they work, and who usually do physical work.

[clase obrera]

only child /,əʊn.li 'tʃaɪld/

A person who has no sisters or brothers

[hijo/a único/a]

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catchy tune /'kætʃ.i tju:n/

Pleasing and easy to remember tune or song.

[melodía pegadiza]

mixed blessing /'mɪkst 'blɛsɪŋ/

Source of joy and pain.

[arma de doble filo (que tiene ventajas y desventajas)]

deadly silence /'dɛdli 'saɪləns/

Total lack of sound or voices

[silencio sepulcral]

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daunting challenge /'dɔːntɪŋ 'tʃælɪndʒ/

A difficult and very intimidating task.

[enorme reto / desafío colosal]

full marks /'fʊl 'mɑːks/

The maximum award in an examination or assessment.

[calificación máxima]

cut corners /'kʌt 'kɔːrnərs/

To save time, money or effort by not following the correct procedure or rules for doing something

[no tiene traducción literal. Ex: We need to cut corners if we want to finish the project on time]

Collocations of the day



pay packet /'peɪ ,pæk.ɪt/

The amount of money a person earns.

[remuneración, sueldo]

square meal /,skweə 'miəl/

A satisfying meal that fills you and provides you with all the different types of food that your body needs in order to stay healthy.

[comida completa/equilibrada]

circuit breaker /'sɜː.kɪt ,breɪ.kər/

A safety device that stops the flow of current in an electrical circuit when there is a fault.

[disyuntor, interruptor automático, "el automático"]

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house arrest /'haʊs ə'rest/

Legally forced to stay in your house as if in prison.

[arresto domiciliario]

parking lot /'pɑ:kɪŋ ,lɒt/

An outside area of ground where you can leave a car for a period of time.

[aparcamiento]

unanimous vote /ju:'næn.ɪ.məs 'vəʊt/

To agree about one particular matter or vote the same way

[voto unánime]

Collocations of the day



money management /'mʌni 'mæniɪdʒmənt/

The activity of organizing and investing your own or someone else's money.

[gestión presupuestaria/monetaria]

tax policy /'tæks 'pɒlɪsi/

Government administration of taxation.

[política fiscal]

admission fee /əd'mɪʃən 'fiː/

Entry charge, cost of admittance.

[cuota de admisión / entrada]



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delivery charges /dɪ'liv.ər.i 'tʃɑ:dʒɪz/

The amount of money someone has to pay in order to be taken goods, letters, parcels, etc. to a place.

[gastos de envío]

brand new /,brænd 'nju:z/

Completely new, not yet used.

[nuevo, a estrenar]

train spotting / trainspotting /'treɪnspɒtɪŋ/

The activity of watching trains as a hobby or in order to write down the numbers that each railway engine has.

[observación de trenes]



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spontaneous combustion /spɒnˌteɪ.ni.əs kəmˈbʌs.tʃən/

A situation in which something suddenly starts to burn without any obvious cause.

[combustión espontánea]

fancy dress /ˌfæ.n.si ˈdres/

The special clothes that you wear for a party where everyone dresses as a particular type of character or thing.

[disfraz]

air freshener /ˈeə ˌfref.ən.ər/

A substance or device that makes a room or vehicle smell pleasant.

[ambientador]

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mitigating circumstances /spɒn,teɪ.ni.əs kəm'brʌs.tʃən/

Situations that are not an excuse for a crime, but that a court of law may consider to be important enough to reduce the blame or punishment of the accused person.

[atenuantes]

fancy dress /,fæ.n.si 'dres/

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[disfraz]

green belt /'grɪn ,belt/

An area of land surrounding a city where building is not usually allowed.

[cinturón verde/ecológico - franja verde]



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packed lunch /,pækt 'lʌntʃ/

A light meal put in a bag or container, that you take with you to be eaten later, for example at school or work.

[bolsa del almuerzo/comida en un táper]

convenience food /kən'vi:ni.əns ,fu:d/ - **TV dinner** /,ti:vi: 'dɪn.ər/

A meal that can be bought already prepared from a shop and just needs to be heated before being eaten, especially while watching television.

[comida precocinada]

junk food /'dʒʌŋk ,fu:d/

Food that is unhealthy but is quick and easy to eat.

[comida basura]

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broad grin /'brɔ:d 'grɪn/

Big smile.

[ampia sonrisa]

smug grin /'smʌg 'grɪn/

Excessively self-satisfied smile.

[sonrisa presumida/arrogante]

telltale smile /'tel.teɪl 'smaɪl/

A smile which reveals what is not intended to be known.

[sonrisa delatora]



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side effect /'saɪd ɪˌfekt/

An unpleasant effect of a drug that happens in addition to the main effect.

[efecto secundario]

adverse balance /'ædvɜːrs 'bæləns/

A negative amount in a set of accounts.

[balance negativo]

cruising speed /'kruːzɪŋ 'spiːd/

A constant speed at which an airplane, a boat, a car etc., usually moves when it is traveling for a long distance

[velocidad de crucero]



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interactive board /ɪn.tə,ræk.tɪv 'waɪt.bɔ:d/
smart board /'smɑ:t ,bɔ:d/

A large electronic screen linked to a computer, that is used in a classroom to show information and that can be written on by touching it with a finger, special pen, etc.

[pizarra interactiva - pizarra virtual]

memory stick /'mem.ər.i ,stɪk/

A small piece of equipment that you connect to a computer or other piece of electronic equipment to copy and store information.

[pendrive]

wireless fidelity /'waɪərləs fi'delɪti/

Wifi: internet connection without cable.

[conexión inalámbrica]

Collocations of the day



pursue (a) career /pər'sjuː kə'riər/

To do a job or series of jobs in a specific field.

[hacer carrera (en)]

gain scholarship /geɪn skɒl.ə.ʃɪp/

To get an amount of money given by a school, college, university, or other organization to pay for the studies of a person with great ability or little money.

[conseguir una beca]

economic wealth /iː.kə'nɒm.ɪk welθ/

The net amount of money or valuable possessions that a person, household, or nation has

[riqueza económica]



Collocations of the day



soulmate /'səʊl.meɪt/

Someone, usually your romantic partner, who you have a special relationship with, and who you know and love very much.

[*alma gemela*]

standing ovation /,stæ.n.dɪŋ əv'vei.jən/

An occasion when the people in an audience stand up to clap at the end of a performance or speech because they liked it very much.

[*ovación de pie*]

due date /'dʒu: ,deɪt/

the date on which a woman's baby is expected to be born.
the date by which something has to be done or paid.

[*fecha de entrega/vencimiento/parto*]