

### Activity Type

Reading, matching, writing and speaking activity

### Focus

Academic collocations

### Aim

To become familiar with the meaning and usage of important academic collocations.

### Preparation

Make one copy of the worksheet for each student.

### Level

Intermediate (B1)

### Time

30 minutes

### Introduction

In this academic collocations worksheet, students become familiar with the meaning and usage of the 10 most frequently encountered collocations used in academic contexts.

### Procedure

Give each student a copy of the worksheet.

First, students match sentence halves together to form sentences containing academic collocations.

Exercise A - Answer key

1. j   2. g   3. d   4. b   5. c   6. i   7. e   8. h   9. f   10. a

Next, students complete gap-fill statements using the academic collocations.

Exercise B - Answer key

1. economic growth
2. provides information
3. a wide range of
4. plays a role
5. using methods
6. local authority
7. mental health
8. high-level
9. annual reports
10. have access to

In the final exercise, students decide if they agree or disagree with the statements and then discuss their answers in small groups.

Note: This resource can be edited using a PDF editor.

**A. Match the sentence halves together to make academic collocations.**

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| 1. You should report the damaged playground equipment to the <b>local</b> ..... | a. <b>range of</b> sports in their free time.                              |
| 2. The local tourist office can <b>provide</b> .....                            | b. <b>access to</b> sufficient health and educational resources.           |
| 3. Before buying shares in a company, read its <b>annual</b> .....              | c. <b>a role in</b> shaping who we are.                                    |
| 4. Many people in poorer countries do not <b>have</b> .....                     | d. <b>report</b> so that you can be confident in your investment.          |
| 5. Both genetics and the social environment <b>play</b> .....                   | e. <b>method</b> that dates back many centuries.                           |
| 6. While people are generally open about many issues, <b>mental</b> .....       | f. <b>growth</b> , unemployment has risen sharply.                         |
| 7. To make the special beer, brewers <b>use a</b> .....                         | g. <b>information</b> on all the best sites and attractions in the region. |
| 8. These industrial secrets are known only to a few <b>high</b> .....           | h. <b>-level</b> company executives.                                       |
| 9. Due to a significant slowdown in <b>economic</b> .....                       | i. <b>health</b> is one problem many are reluctant to discuss.             |
| 10. People in Australia like to participate in <b>a wide</b> .....              | j. <b>authority</b> so that it can be made safe again.                     |

**B. Complete the sentences using the collocations from Exercise A. In some cases, you will need to change the word form.**

1. Most voters care more about ..... than the environment.
2. Social media ..... that is both inaccurate and untrustworthy.
3. Attaining a good level of English provides ..... benefits to learners.
4. Luck ..... in many success stories more so than hard work.
5. Food prepared ..... that are traditional is more healthy and tasty.
6. Many residents believe their ..... does not provide adequate facilities and services.
7. Looking after our ..... is becoming increasingly important now.
8. My country enjoys a ..... of employment and living standards.
9. Corporate ..... should provide an honest picture of company performance.
10. The global community should do more to ensure that children in poor countries ..... to clean water and nutritious food.

**C. Now, decide if you agree or disagree with the statements above. Then, discuss your answers in small groups.**