

Collocations: Relationships & Social Life



Intermediate (B1-B2)

WARM UP

Part 1. Discuss the following questions.

- 1. What do you think makes a strong friendship?
- 2. What do you think makes someone have a healthy social life?

DEFINITION MATCHING

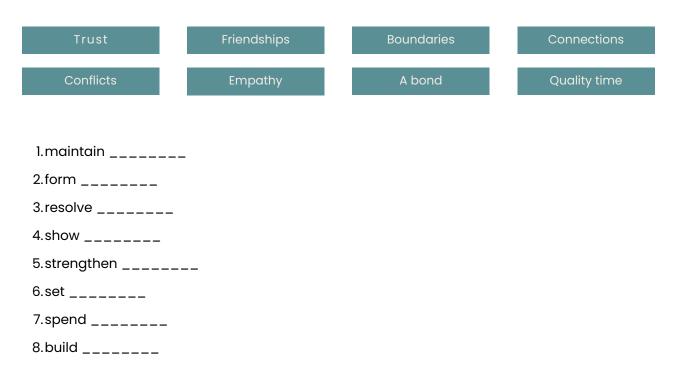
Part 1. Match each word to its correct definition. Can you guess any before looking at the options?

Trust	Friendships	Boundaries	Connections
Conflicts	Empathy	A bond	Quality time

- 1._____ the ability to understand and share another person's feelings
- 2._____ difficulties or disagreements between people
- 3._____ the time spent giving someone your full attention and care
- 4._____ close relationships you have with other people
- 5._____ limits you set to protect your wellbeing in relationships
- 6._____ a feeling of closeness or attachment between people
- 7._____ a sense of reliability in someone's words or actions
- 8._____ feelings or links you have with others, often through shared experiences

COLLOCATION MATCHING

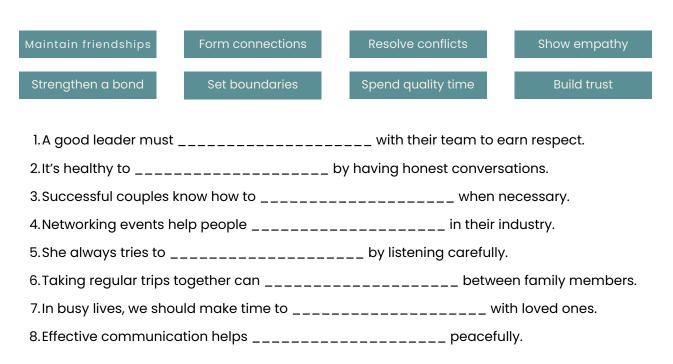
Part 1. Match the verbs with the correct nouns to form a collocation.





SENTENCE GAP-FILL

Part 1. Complete the sentences using the correct collocations.



SENTENCE TRANSFORMATION

Part 1. Rewrite the following sentences using the target collocations so that the meaning stays the same.

- 1. She decided what behaviour was acceptable in her relationship.
- 2. Regular team-building exercises make co-workers feel closer.
- 3. They worked hard to earn each other's confidence.
- 4. When misunderstandings arise, they talk until they're settled.
- 5. He always tries to understand how others feel.
- 6 Each weekend, they go hiking together as a family.
- 7. They quickly became friends when they met at the conference.
- 8. He stays in contact with university friends every month.

TENSE CHALLENGE

Part 1. Use the correct form of the collocation in brackets to complete each sentence.

1.Over the years, they	through honest feedback. (build trust)
2.If you	, you'll find it easier to refuse requests. (set boundaries)
3.We our	since we started weekly coffee catch-ups. (maintain
friendships)	
4.By next month, I	with my new colleagues. (form connections)
5.Spending time together	doing meaningful activities is a great way of
	between friends or family members. (strengthen a bond)
6.He	every evening to understand his partner's point of view.
(show empathy)	
7. When tensions rose, they ma conflicts)	anaged to the quickly. (resolve
8.Families	together for generations through shared traditions.
(spend quality time)	

SPEAKING

Part 1. Answer the questions using the target collocations.

How do you build trust in a new team or group?
What do you do to maintain friendships when you're busy?
When is it necessary to set boundaries in a relationship?
Where do you find it easiest to form connections with others?
How should people resolve conflicts at work or at home?
Can you describe a time you showed empathy to someone in need?
What activities help strengthen a bond between friends or family?
How do you like to spend quality time with your closest people?

