

Teacher's guide



Collocations: Decision Making & Critical Thinking – Upper-Intermediate (B2–C1)

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Warm-up

Part 1. Students discuss the questions.

Collocation matching

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

Answer key:

1. Assess the situation
2. Gather evidence
3. Weigh up the options
4. Question assumptions
5. Consider the consequences
6. Evaluate the alternatives
7. Make an informed decision
8. Reach a conclusion

Sentence gap-fill

Part 1. Students complete the sentences using the correct collocations.

Answer key:

1. consider the consequences
2. assess the situation
3. question assumptions
4. evaluate the alternatives
5. gather evidence
6. make an informed decision
7. weigh up the options
8. reach a conclusion

Sentence transformation

Part 1. Students rewrite the sentences using the target collocations so that the meaning stays the same.

Suggested answers:

1. She **made an informed decision**.
2. Politicians should always **consider the consequences**.
3. She took time to **weigh up the options**.
4. They worked hard to **gather evidence**.
5. It's important to **question assumptions**.

6. The group finally managed to **reach a conclusion**.
7. He stopped to **assess the situation**.
8. We tried to **evaluate the alternatives**.

Tense challenge

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

Answer key:

1. will have reached a conclusion
2. had been weighing up the options
3. consider the consequences
4. gathered evidence
5. have been assessing the situation
6. had evaluated the alternatives
7. questioning assumptions
8. will have made an informed decision

Speaking

Part 1. Students answer the questions using the target collocations.