

# Collocations: Dealing with Problems & Change

Intermediate (B1-B2)



## WARM UP

**Part 1. Discuss the following questions.**

1. What's the biggest challenge you've faced recently?
2. How do you usually respond to unexpected changes in life?

## DEFINITION MATCHING

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

Challenge

Problem

Uncertainty

Failure

Responsibility

Mistake

Solution

Control

1. \_\_\_\_\_ something that tests your abilities or strength
2. \_\_\_\_\_ a situation where the outcome or next step is unclear
3. \_\_\_\_\_ a wrong action or decision that causes a negative result
4. \_\_\_\_\_ the power to influence or direct events or actions
5. \_\_\_\_\_ a task or issue that needs to be fixed or resolved
6. \_\_\_\_\_ not achieving what you intended or hoped for
7. \_\_\_\_\_ a way of solving a difficult situation or question
8. \_\_\_\_\_ the duty or obligation to do something or be accountable

## COLLOCATION MATCHING

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

Challenge

Problem

Uncertainty

Failure

Responsibility

Mistake

Solution

Control

1. find \_\_\_\_\_
2. take \_\_\_\_\_
3. accept \_\_\_\_\_
4. learn from \_\_\_\_\_
5. overcome \_\_\_\_\_
6. deal with \_\_\_\_\_
7. bounce back from \_\_\_\_\_
8. face \_\_\_\_\_



## SENTENCE GAP-FILL

**Part 1. Complete the sentences using the correct collocations.**

Find a solution

Take control

Accept responsibility

Learn from mistakes

Overcome a problem

Deal with uncertainty

Bounce back from failure

Face a challenge

1. Many people struggle to \_\_\_\_\_ when their plans suddenly change.
2. After losing her job, she managed to \_\_\_\_\_ and build a new career.
3. If you want to grow, you have to \_\_\_\_\_ and not run away from it.
4. He finally \_\_\_\_\_ for what happened and apologised.
5. Don't give up—together we can \_\_\_\_\_ and move forward.
6. I've learnt to \_\_\_\_\_ by reflecting on what went wrong.
7. The team worked all night to \_\_\_\_\_ that would satisfy both sides.
8. She decided to stop blaming others and \_\_\_\_\_ of her situation.

## SENTENCE TRANSFORMATION

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

1. I made a decision to manage the situation myself.
2. I had to deal with a very difficult situation last year.
3. After making that mistake, I understood what to avoid next time.
4. We came up with a way to fix the issue.
5. They solved the issue after several attempts.
6. We didn't know what was going to happen next.
7. She said it was her fault and offered to help.
8. He failed the exam, but tried again and passed.

## TENSE CHALLENGE

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

1. She \_\_\_\_\_ (face a challenge) every time she speaks in public.
2. We \_\_\_\_\_ (overcome a problem) together by working as a team.
3. I \_\_\_\_\_ (deal with uncertainty) since the company changes began.
4. They \_\_\_\_\_ (bounce back from failure) remarkably fast.
5. He admitted he \_\_\_\_\_ (accept responsibility) for the delay.
6. You can't improve unless you \_\_\_\_\_ (learn from mistakes).
7. We \_\_\_\_\_ (find a solution) by the time the meeting ended.
8. I \_\_\_\_\_ (take control) of my finances recently.

## SPEAKING

**Part 1. Answer the questions using the target collocations.**

1. Can you describe a time when you had to **face a challenge**?
2. What's an example of a time you **overcame a problem** in your life?
3. How do you usually **deal with uncertainty** or unpredictable events?
4. Have you ever had to **bounce back from failure**? What helped you?
5. Why is it important to **accept responsibility** in difficult situations?
6. How can someone **learn from mistakes** instead of repeating them?
7. Tell me about a time you had to **find a solution** quickly.
8. In what areas of your life have you recently tried to **take control**?