

Collocations: Networking & Collaboration

Upper-Intermediate (B2-C1)



WARM UP

Part 1. Discuss the following questions.

1. Do you think networking is more about quality or quantity of contacts? Why?
2. Can you remember a time when collaboration helped you achieve something important?
3. What are some common challenges people face when working together?
4. How do you usually keep in touch with your professional or social network?

COLLOCATION MATCHING

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

Relationships	Opportunities	Mutual trust	Partnerships
Connections	Ideas	Your network	Resources

1. Build _____
2. Expand _____
3. Establish _____
4. Share _____
5. Create _____
6. Exchange _____
7. Strengthen _____
8. Develop _____

SENTENCE GAP-FILL

Part 1. Complete the sentences using the correct collocations.

**Strengthen
relationships**

Create opportunities

Develop mutual trust

**Establish
partnerships**

Build connections

Exchange ideas

Expand your network

Share resources

1. Attending conferences is a great way to _____ with people in your field.
2. Sharing knowledge can often _____ for future projects.
3. During the meeting, participants were encouraged to _____ openly.
4. Long-term collaboration depends on the ability to _____ over time.
5. A reliable partner can help you _____ that benefit both sides.
6. The company hopes to _____ with overseas organisations.
7. Online platforms make it easier than ever to _____ and grow professionally.
8. Good teamwork allows colleagues to _____ and save time.



SENTENCE TRANSFORMATION

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

**Strengthen
relationships**

Create opportunities

Develop mutual trust

**Establish
partnerships**

Build connections

Exchange ideas

Expand your network

Share resources

1. He made useful professional relationships during the training course.
2. The company formed strong working links with a local supplier.
3. She widened her circle of professional contacts through LinkedIn.
4. By helping each other, the two organisations created a chance for future cooperation.
5. The managers asked staff to swap suggestions for improving communication.
6. Over time, the partners improved their existing ties.
7. The charity wanted to make sure both groups could rely on each other.
8. Team members provided each other with knowledge and support.

TENSE CHALLENGE

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

1. By next summer, I _____ (expand your network) through international conferences.
2. She _____ (share resources) with her colleagues yesterday.
3. They usually _____ (create opportunities) by connecting different teams.
4. He _____ (strengthen relationships) with clients for several years.
5. If we _____ (exchange ideas) earlier, the project would have gone more smoothly.
6. The organisation _____ (establish partnerships) since it was founded.
7. The two organisations spent months _____ (develop mutual trust) before signing the agreement.
8. By the end of the week, the team _____ (build connections) across departments.

SPEAKING

Part 1. Answer the questions using the target collocations.

1. What's the best way to **build connections** in your industry or community?
2. How can someone **expand their network** effectively?
3. Can you think of an example where two groups **established a partnership** successfully?
4. Why is it important to **share resources** in collaboration?
5. How can networking **create opportunities** for your career?
6. When was the last time you **exchanged ideas** with others?
7. What are some strategies to **strengthen relationships** with colleagues or friends?
8. Why is developing **mutual trust** important in teamwork?

