

## Collocation Lists

On this page you can find a few short lists of collocations to give you more of an idea about them. Many good learner's dictionaries show collocations associated with specific words. There are also dictionaries of collocations, though these are more difficult to find.



### Some common verbs

break

break a habit  
break a leg  
break a promise  
break a record  
break a window  
break someone's heart  
break the ice  
break the law  
break one's word  
break the news to someone  
break the rules  
break something down  
break in new shoes  
break one's neck  
break bread  
break new ground  
break rank  
break wind  
break the bank

QUIZ 1: Fill in the appropriate idiom. Change the verb tense when necessary.

1. The doctor had to \_\_\_\_\_ to Jane about her husband's cancer. I hope that the doctor \_\_\_\_\_ gently.
2. Sony is \_\_\_\_\_ in consumer electronics. They're developing new gadgets you've never seen before.
3. I heard you're taking the IELTS tomorrow. \_\_\_\_\_!
4. Someone at the conference table will have to \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Our monthly expenses seem higher than before. Can you \_\_\_\_\_ it \_\_\_\_\_ for me?
6. Michael Jackson's "Thriller" \_\_\_\_\_ of most albums sold in 1982.
7. The young man \_\_\_\_\_ the girl's \_\_\_\_\_ when he told her he was going to marry her best friend.
8. The best way to \_\_\_\_\_ is to wear them around the house first.
9. The old classmates soon became hungry so they \_\_\_\_\_ together at their former teacher's house.
10. Beans always make him \_\_\_\_\_.
11. I guess the price of the movie won't \_\_\_\_\_.
12. Don't \_\_\_\_\_ your \_\_\_\_\_ to get there. We'll wait for you.
13. You can trust him completely; I've never known him to \_\_\_\_\_ his \_\_\_\_\_.

QUIZ 2: Writing Homework 250 words

Tell something true about yourself, use the idioms above.

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