

Vocabulary Matters

LP 1 Collocations with nouns

The first sentence is wrong. The phrase 'ein Foto machen' must be translated into English using the verb *take* not *make*.

Common collocations with the word *conscience* are for example: *clear conscience*, *guilty conscience* or *a matter of conscience*. The German equivalents for these collocations are 'reines Gewissen', 'schlechtes Gewissen' and 'Gewissensfrage'.

- a**
- 1 She was nervous because she had never given/made a speech in front of such a large audience before.
 - 2 The team has done research on the therapeutic value of stem cells.
 - 3 Some of the minority students took offence at the way minority groups were presented in the film.
 - 4 This postcard doesn't do justice to the wonderful scenery.
 - 5 Patrick is taking a few months off to take care of his two small children.
 - 6 The candidate made a very strong impression on the recruiting committee.
 - 7 I'm afraid you've made a mistake; this isn't my luggage.
 - 8 He decided to do/take a French course over the summer holidays.
- b** Possible answers:
- The student has made no attempt to hand in his essay on time.
 Have you been paying attention to anything I've said?
 The government will have to take measures to end poverty.
 Nobody took any notice of the old man sitting on the bench.
- c**
- heavy rain; heavy traffic
 high growth rate; high hopes
 serious interest; serious problem
 severe winter; severe punishment
 strict parents; strict rules
 strong objection; strong taste
- d**
- 1 In the early 1950s researchers had high hopes of finding a cure for cancer.
 - 2 I was surprised at how strict Mariana's parents were.
 - 3 The committee wishes to find out how serious your interest in this position is.
 - 4 On account of the heavy traffic we made little progress.
 - 5 Being a tea drinker, I don't like the strong taste of espresso.
 - 6 Slaves were faced with severe punishment even for minor offences.
- e**
- 1 After the exhausting conference, all that Smithfield could think about was getting back to Surrey and enjoying the peace and quiet.
 - 2 The President insisted that any military operations should aim at minimizing the loss of life.
 - 3 Anglo-Irish history holds the key to understanding the conflict in Northern Ireland.
 - 4 The troubleshooting team was given the task of finding a solution to the problem.
 - 5 After a week of rioting, the army was sent in to restore law and order.
 - 6 The speaker makes a good point when she appeals to her listeners' sense of fairness.
 - 7 Climatologists warn that even a small rise in temperature could have dramatic effects.
 - 8 As we turned a bend in the road, a troop of soldiers came into view.

LP 2 Prepositions

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| 1 with | 4 to | 7 about | 10 of |
| 2 of | 5 to | 8 to | |
| 3 of | 6 to | 9 of | |
- b**
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| 1 from, by | 4 of, in | 7 of, at, on, in |
| 2 about, on | 5 at, of | 8 of |
| 3 of, for | 6 in | 9 on, on, on |
- c**
- 1 I've been married to Cathy for 25 years.
 - 2 The text can be divided into four sections.
 - 3 The author repeats her demands at the end of the text.
 - 4 There is a saying that a cynic knows the price of everything and the value of nothing.
 - 5 On average, you can save 10% on heating costs if you turn the heating down by 1°C.
 - 6 The original Garden of Eden was a symbol of paradise.
 - 7 Many people are far too sentimental about animals and nature.
 - 8 When we consume things that we do not really need, we are doing this at the expense of the environment.