

# 1-4 Get it right!



Learn to talk about free time

**G** Adverbs

**V** Collocations; Commonly confused words

## 1 FOCUS ON COLLOCATIONS

### on sale / in the sales

If something is **on sale**, it's available to buy:

✓ *His new book is on sale from next week.*

If you buy something **in the sales**, you buy it at a discount:

✓ *I bought some shoes in the sales – they were half price!*

✗ *I bought some shoes ~~on sales~~ – they were half price!*

**a** Underline the correct words to complete the text.



## Which mobile?

When a new mobile phone goes <sup>1</sup> *in / on* sale, people queue for hours to be the first to buy it. That's because we all want the <sup>2</sup> *last / latest* model, don't we? But is it always the best choice? Tech expert, Alex Mitchel says <sup>3</sup> '*Pass / Spend* some time looking at different models before you <sup>4</sup> *make / do* your decision. Choose a phone that has the features you really need and look for the best price too. Can you buy it <sup>5</sup> *in / on* the sales? If it's not a new model, the shop might <sup>6</sup> *give / make* you a discount.'

### know / meet / make

You **meet** someone when you are first introduced. If you **know** someone, they are already your friend or your colleague:

✓ *You can meet new people.*

✓ *I met Liz at a friend's wedding last year.*

✗ *I ~~knew~~ Liz at a friend's wedding last year.*

✓ *Do you know Ana? – Yes, we work together.*

If you meet someone a few times, you **get to know** them:

✓ *I got to know her better when we joined the same English class.*

✗ *I ~~knew~~ her better when we joined the same English class.*

If you get to know someone and you like them, then you **make friends**:

✓ *When you move, it can be difficult to make new friends.*

✗ *When you move, it can be difficult to ~~know~~ new friends.*

**b** Complete the text with the correct words. Use the correct form of the verb.

get to know   know   make   meet

Sue's my best friend. I <sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ her for more than 15 years.

I <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ her at university – she was doing the same course as me. At

first, she seemed a bit quiet: she didn't say much. But as I <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_

her, I realised she was actually very funny. As students, we had lots of

fun together. I <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ lots of friends while I was at university, but

Sue is the only one I've kept in touch with.

**c** Find and correct four more mistakes in the conversation.

**A** Can I ask you a couple of questions about how you <sup>spend</sup> ~~pass~~ your spare time? It's for a survey.

**B** Yes, OK.

**A** Thanks. How many hours a day do you see TV?

**B** Oh, probably one or two hours in the evening.

**A** And what kind of programmes do you like?

**B** I quite like crime dramas. In the moment, there's a really good series on a Saturday evening.

**A** Oh yes, that's great, isn't it? Really exciting. And what about music.

Do you hear music?

**B** Yes, especially when I'm in the car. I like classic music. I find it relaxing.

**A** OK, that's great. Thanks for your time.



**d** Work in pairs. Ask and answer questions about the spare time activities below.

- TV
- film
- music

## 2 FOCUS ON WORD FORMS

### every day / everyday

**every day** (two words) = each day:

- ✓ *The shop is open every day, except Sundays.*
- ✗ *The shop is open everyday, except Sundays.*

**everyday** (one word adjective) = normal, usual, not special:

- ✓ *The Internet is just part of everyday life now.*

Are the underlined words correct (✓) or incorrect (✗)? Correct the mistakes.

- 1  When I broke my arm, simple everyday activities, like cleaning my teeth, were difficult. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2  Every body is talking about the World Cup at the moment. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3  Excuse me, can I have an other cup of coffee, please? \_\_\_\_\_
- 4  Sorry, I can't help you, I don't know anything about computers. Ask Max. \_\_\_\_\_
- 5  There were 46 people all together on the bus, including the driver. \_\_\_\_\_
- 6  Rob's very late – may be he's stuck in traffic. \_\_\_\_\_
- 7  We're staying at an airport hotel to night because our flight's at 6 am tomorrow morning. \_\_\_\_\_
- 8  Sometimes we go out for dinner, especially at the weekend. \_\_\_\_\_

## 3 FOCUS ON WORD ORDER

### adverbs

Remember, adverbs go:

- after the subject and before the verb:
  - ✓ *Where I work, men usually wear a suit and tie.*
  - ✗ *Where I work, men wear usually a suit and tie.*
- after an auxiliary verb or a modal verb and before the main verb:
  - ✓ *Young people are always checking their phones.*
  - ✗ *Young people always are checking their phones.*
  - ✓ *You can also buy tickets on the bus.*
  - ✗ *You also can buy tickets on the bus.*

Rewrite the sentences with the adverbs in the correct position.

- 1 Customers ask questions about the products. (often)
- 2 The store sells furniture and things for the home. (mainly)
- 3 They have bought a new television. (just)
- 4 You can order a lot of our products online. (also)
- 5 People ask for a discount. (sometimes)
- 6 We can't offer a discount unless something is in the sales. (normally)
- 7 I've worked for the same company and I love my job. (always)

## 4 FOCUS ON SPELLING

### Commonly confused words

a Underline the correct words.

- 1 Most top restaurants are *to / too* expensive for ordinary people.
- 2 Sometimes, they don't even show the *prices / prizes* on the menu.
- 3 The food was *quite / quiet* good, but the service was awful.
- 4 Do you *no / know* which hotel he's staying in?
- 5 *By / Bye* Luke – see you tomorrow!
- 6 I like the boots, but I *thing / think* they're a bit expensive.
- 7 The town's very *quite / quiet* in the winter when there are no tourists.
- 8 Wait a moment – I'll just get my *thinks / things* from the car.
- 9 I love your bag, where did you *by / buy* it?

b Read the text. Where does the person travel to?



think  
People ~~thing~~ that business travel is exciting, but in fact, it can be pretty boring. My company does a lot of business with the US, so I travel often to New York and Boston. Yes, they're fantastic cities, but when I'm there on business, I have rarely time for sightseeing. I pass my day in meetings, then I go back to my hotel. I'm feeling usually to tired to go out and explore the city. So I have some thing to eat in the hotel restaurant, I see TV in my room, and then I go to sleep.

c Read the text in 4b again. Find and correct seven more mistakes from pages 190 and 191 in the text.