

COLLOCATIONS.



Collocation means that some words fit together and other words don't. Some words fit together like 'fast food', but we don't say 'quick food'. We talk about taking a 'quick shower', but not about a 'fast shower.'

Can you think of ten words that go before sweet and ten words that go after sweet?

| Words BEFORE sweet | Words AFTER sweet |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| e.g <u>really</u> sweet | e.g sweet <u>honey</u> |
| 1. _____ sweet | 1. sweet _____ |
| 2. _____ sweet | 2. sweet _____ |
| 3. _____ sweet | 3. sweet _____ |
| 4. _____ sweet | 4. sweet _____ |
| 5. _____ sweet | 5. sweet _____ |
| 6. _____ sweet | 6. sweet _____ |
| 7. _____ sweet | 7. sweet _____ |
| 8. _____ sweet | 8. sweet _____ |
| 9. _____ sweet | 9. sweet _____ |
| 10. _____ sweet | 10. sweet _____ |

Mini Conversations

Choose 3 of the above collocations to start a mini conversation with a classmate. Take turns to do this.

Teacher's Key

Words BEFORE sweet e.g really sweet

1. Smell sweet
2. Taste sweet
3. Extremely sweet
4. Very sweet
5. A bit sweet
6. Quite sweet
7. Rather sweet
8. Slightly sweet
9. Awfully sweet
10. Terribly sweet

Words AFTER sweet e.g sweet honey

1. Sweet shop
2. Sweet tooth
3. Sweet as sugar
4. Sweet potatoes
5. Sweet and sour
6. Sweet dreams!
7. Sweet sixteen
8. Sweetheart
9. Sweet peas
10. Sweet Mary