


## Truly loving collocations

As your vocabulary builds, you'll see that now, you aren't learning words one at a time: you are learning combinations of words. Collocations are a type of combination. Collocations are the words most commonly used with the word you are learning e.g. people are *deeply interested* but never *hugely interested*. One way to start truly loving collocations is by doing the activities below.

**interested** DEFINITIONS AND SYNONYMS ★★★

ADJECTIVE UK  /'ɪntrestɪd/

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**DEFINITIONS** 2

**1** NOT USUALLY BEFORE NOUN **wanting to know about or take part in something**

**interested in:** *Joe's always been interested in politics.*

**be interested to hear/know/learn/see etc:** *I'd be interested to hear what you think.*

**not remotely interested in something (=not at all interested):** *He wasn't remotely interested in romance.*

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**COLLOCATIONS** -

**Adverbs frequently used with interested**

- **deeply, extremely, genuinely, keenly, mainly, particularly, primarily, principally, really, seriously**

### Activity 1

Write down all the adverbs you think are frequently used before the adjective *interested*. Check your answers in the Macmillan online dictionary or by looking at the screenshot above.

interested

### Activity 2

Read the questions and circle the correct words. Check your answers in the Macmillan online dictionary.

a. Which three of these six adverbs are frequently used with the verb *love*?

dearly
strongly
passionately
truly
effectively
highly

b. Which three of these six adjectives are frequently used with the noun *memory*?

colourful
untidy
painful
fond
bright
vivid

c. Which three of these six nouns are frequently used with the verb *negotiate*?

contract
result
price
direction
deal
plan

# VOCABULARY BUILDERS

## Activity 3

List three words that you think typically occur with each of these words (a–f). Check your answers in the dictionary by looking at the *Collocation* box under each entry. Make sure you look at the correct entry e.g. *kiss* is both a verb and a noun.

a. verbs

\_\_\_\_\_ payment

b. nouns

popular \_\_\_\_\_

c. adjectives

\_\_\_\_\_ kiss

d. nouns

gain \_\_\_\_\_

e. verbs

\_\_\_\_\_ leg

f. adjectives

\_\_\_\_\_ possession