

ESL Worksheet: Collocations

Choose the natural collocation.

Q1 - Which is correct?

I have done a great deal of work.

I have done a big deal of work.

Q2 - Which is correct?

We're in severe straits.

We're in dire straits.

Q3 - Which is correct?

I've got a deafening headache.

I've got a blinding headache.

Q4 - Which is correct?

It wasn't much trouble- it was no great deal.

It wasn't much trouble- it was no big deal.

Q5 - Which is correct?

It is a fatal disease.

It is a mortal disease.

Q6 - Which is correct?

He's terminally ill.

He's mortally ill.

Q7 - Which is correct?

It's a small priority issue.

It's a low priority issue.

Q8 - Which is correct?

- I like the environment of the restaurant.
 I like the ambiance of the restaurant.

Q9 - Which is correct?

- It was total chaos.
 It was great chaos.

Q10 - Which is correct?

- She was highly drunk.
 She was extremely drunk.

Q11 - Which is correct?

- It was a turning moment.
 It was a pivotal moment.