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INTRODUCTION

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The *Macmillan Collocations Dictionary* (MCD) provides a complete record of the most typical ways in which common English words combine with one another. These word combinations are known as 'collocations', and this is an important concept for anyone learning, teaching, or using English. According to Professor Michael Hoey, who heads the Macmillan Dictionaries Advisory Panel, collocation is 'the property of language whereby two or more words seem to appear frequently in each other's company'. Long before computer corpora became available, linguists noticed the tendency of some words to 'stick together', in expressions like *conduct a survey*, *highly effective*, or *rapturous applause*. Nowadays, with a corpus of 1.6 billion words at our disposal, we can reliably identify the most frequent English collocations.

That's the easy part. But lists of collocations on their own are not especially helpful. In order to make this information useful for teachers and students, our team of lexicographers has divided up the various collocations according to the meanings they express. For example, if you are talking about an *argument* (in the sense of 'a set of reasons you use for persuading people'), the corpus provides a long list of words (or 'collocates') which are frequently used with this noun. Our job is to analyse these collocates and sort them into useful sets, such as words meaning 'a strong argument' (*compelling*, *persuasive*, *powerful*, and so on), or an argument that is 'sensible and well-argued' (*coherent*, *rational*, *well-reasoned* etc) or one that is 'based on incorrect facts' (*spurious*, *fallacious* etc). For this meaning of *argument*, the MCD provides six sets of adjectives and five sets of verbs, each expressing a different meaning. Every

set has its own definition, its own list of collocates, and its own example sentences to show how these combinations work.

Why is collocation so important? Firstly, it is a central feature of language, and – whether you are speaking or writing – it is just as important as grammar. Getting the grammar right is an essential part of producing text which is free of errors. But selecting appropriate collocations is one of the keys to sounding natural and fluent. For this reason, a good collocations dictionary is a valuable resource if you are preparing for IELTS or similar examinations. Secondly, collocation contributes to meaning. Most common words in English have more than one meaning, and we use the surrounding context to indicate (or work out) which meaning is intended. Collocation plays a big part in this process. Consider, for example, the word *goal*, which can mean either something you want to achieve or a point scored in football. When you see *goal* with verbs like *set*, *achieve*, or *score* (or with verbs like *score* or *concede*), you know immediately what is meant, and it is collocation which provides the clue. As the linguist J.R. Firth said, in a famous quotation, 'You shall know a word by the company it keeps'.

Some features of language, such as wordplay, figurative uses, or cultural references, may be seen as 'optional extras' which you can use once you are really fluent. Collocation is not like this. Once you have progressed beyond beginner level, collocation is essential to expressing ideas in the most natural-sounding way. With the *Macmillan Collocations Dictionary*, you have the ideal resource for developing this important skill and using collocation with confidence.

- first first When did you first realise you wanted to write fiction?
- slowly or later afterwards, belatedly, eventually, finally, gradually, slowly You eventually realize that they are not just giving you knowledge, but teaching you how to think
- completely fully I wonder if these sportsmen fully realize the enormous responsibility they have to young players.
- V+N importance importance, significance It is possible that journalists don't themselves realize the importance of this fact.
- seriousness enormity, extent, seriousness I now realize the enormity of the problems they are facing in developing countries.
- mistake error, folly, mistake They missed the turning and didn't realise their mistake till they were nearly back in Tordington!
- problem danger, futility, limitations She stopped, realizing the futility of the question.
- truth truth It seems incredible that those close to her did not realize the truth.

- 2 achieve something planned or hoped for
- V+N hope or dream ambition, aspiration, dream, ideal, vision At long last he was able to realize his ambition to become a painter.
- goal goal, objective The group met to decide the best way of realizing their objectives.
- possibility potential She is a very capable woman who is gradually realizing her full potential.
- money gain, profit, saving Car manufacturers could realize savings of \$2,700 per vehicle produced.

reappraisal N

an occasion when you consider an attitude or situation again

- adj+N complete complete, fundamental, radical, thorough, total The decline in funds will require a radical reappraisal of the way in which teaching and research are conducted.
- urgent urgent There needs to be an urgent reappraisal of bed numbers in all new hospitals.
- occasional periodic The conditions of the code of professional conduct are subject to periodic reappraisal.
- critical critical It's time for a critical reappraisal of new age music.
- V+N demand, force, invite, lead to, necessitate, prompt, require, trigger Increasing membership necessitated reappraisal of the services offered.

reason N

a fact or situation that explains why something happened or is true; a cause for doing or thinking something

- adj+N good compelling, good, legitimate, logical, right, sound, sufficient, valid There could be compelling social reasons for a person to live in a particular area.
- not good wrong Young people are always making the headlines - often for the wrong reasons.
- main fundamental, key, main, major, primary, prime, principal Survey results show farmers choose to grow bio-tech crops for two main reasons.
- only only, sole We believe that the only reason the

system has not collapsed completely is the diligence of staff.

- obvious obvious The majority of companies have restrictive contracts, for obvious reasons.
- common common The most common reasons for needing to work away from the office were business trips and meetings.
- real genuine, real, underlying Citizens were probably unaware of the real reasons why the government decided to go to war.
- simple simple There are very simple reasons for this. ► We don't provide accommodation for the simple reason that most people prefer to find their own.
- various different, many, several, various For various reasons, sales of DAB digital radios have been poor.
- same same, similar, very Avoiding clutter is the very reason why many people buy a laptop in the first place.
- possible possible The sample should be examined to identify a possible reason for these low moisture levels.
- unknown unknown For some unknown reason she took an immediate liking to him.

You can also say that something is done for no apparent reason, for no particular reason, or for reasons unknown. The bass player wandered off stage for no particular reason.

- types of reason commercial, economic, financial, historical, legal, medical, operational, personal, political, practical, technical The results may be unavailable for some technical reason.
- n+N business, confidentiality, conservation, copyright, family, health, hygiene, privacy, safety, security, tax, timetable This cannot be dealt with over the phone for obvious security reasons.

Usage In all of these combinations, reason is usually plural and preceded by for. The owner was weddily enough to live abroad for tax reasons.

- V+N have a reason have Our cleaning staff have every reason to be proud of the role they perform.
- give a reason cite, give (sb), indicate, list, mention offer, provide, reveal, specify, state, suggest If the form has been rejected, you will be given the reason why. ► Can you suggest any reasons for these differences?
- explain or describe the reason articulate, describe detail, explain, highlight, outline, set out It might help allay your concerns if I explain the reasons why the regulations were published. ► The adverts are aimed at highlighting the reasons for speed limits.
- examine the reasons address, analyse, consider, discuss, examine, explore, investigate This new research explores the reasons why children run away from home.
- discover the reason ascertain, discover, find, identify, pinpoint, uncover Discovering the reason for certain behaviour can improve your relationship.
- know or understand the reason guess, know, see understand At least I now know the real reason. I apologise about this in advance and I hope you understand my reasons.
- not accept a reason question More and more people questioned his reasons for becoming involved.

reasoning behind the choice of a woman as a candidate for the post.

- bad circular, false, faulty Her argument was based on faulty reasoning.
- V+N explain the reasoning explain, justify, outline Lesley explained the reasoning behind her choices.
- question the reasoning query, question Mr Thomas questions the reasoning behind such a conclusion.
- understand the reasoning understand The main aim is to learn what people have to say about a topic and understand their reasoning.
- use reasoning apply, employ You can apply the same reasoning to other cases.
- N+behind choice, decision, move, recommendation In the event that institutions choose to differ from this guidance, the reasoning behind the decision should be stated.

reassurance N

the act of making someone feel less worried; an explanation that helps someone to feel less worried

- adj+N not worth very much bland, false I expressed my concerns, only to be met with bland reassurances that, to me, were unconvincing.
- constant constant, repeated I felt the need for constant reassurance that I was doing the right thing.
- additional added, additional, extra Participants have the added reassurance that a 300-person trial showed the vaccines were safe.
- public public, visible There is a need to communicate successes and to provide public reassurance.
- spoken verbal This time the government will not settle for verbal reassurances but will have to see concrete action.
- V+N need or want reassurance need, require, seek, want We therefore seek reassurances that the company's commitment to regional planning will be maintained.
- give reassurance give (sb), offer (sb), provide (sb with) Additional scrutiny provides reassurance that marketing has been carried out appropriately.
- receive reassurance receive Until we receive reassurances that this has been done, we will remain concerned.

rebate N

money that is officially given back to someone

- V+N have the right to a rebate be eligible for, be entitled to, be owed, be promised, qualify for She was promised a 10 per cent rebate if she changed suppliers.
- ask for a rebate claim This enables us to claim a tax rebate of 28 pence for every pound you donate.
- get a rebate get, negotiate, receive, secure A full time student will receive a 25 per cent rebate.
- give someone a rebate grant (sb), offer (sb), pay (sb) The government pays a rebate of National Insurance contributions to your pension provider.

rebellion N

an occasion when people refuse to obey, or attempt to remove, their government or leaders

reputation for vegetarian food. • Birmingham University has an outstanding reputation for research and teaching.

request N

an act of asking for something, especially by means of a formal or official process

- ▶ **adj+N** needing to be dealt with immediately
urgent With the new system, you can send in an urgent request for information about someone at 1 a.m., and get an answer.
- ▶ **reasonable legitimate, reasonable, valid** A valid request will be answered within 40 calendar days of being received.
- ▶ **not reasonable unreasonable, vexatious** I had to get very tough with this guy and say that his request was unreasonable.
- ▶ **formal formal, official, written** If you would like your credit refunded, please make a written request, polite polite The tenants received a polite request to stop causing excessive noise.
- ▶ **special special** When you book, if you have any special requests just let us know and we'll try to accommodate your wishes.
- ▶ **strange odd, strange, unusual** What is the strangest request you have ever received?
- ▶ **made for the first time initial, original** I received an email today (8 days after my original request) saying he would call me soon.
- ▶ **made several times frequent, numerous, repeated** I have still not received a refund, even after repeated requests.
- ▶ **made by one person individual, personal** The University cannot give preference to individual requests from students for specific dates for exams.
- ▶ **made by many people common, frequent** One of the most frequent requests we get to our site concerns programmes at Budapest's State Opera House.
- ▶ **easy to deal with simple, straightforward** A simple request to view the building was met with ready consent by the owner.
- ▶ **v+N** make a request file, issue, make, put in, send, submit, write You must make a formal request for a permit.
- ▶ **get a request get, have, receive** I receive many requests from visitors about good places to stay.
- ▶ **agree to do what someone has asked you to do accommodate, comply with, fulfil, honour** We will accommodate all requests where practicable and where it is not practicable will explain why.
- ▶ **give someone permission to do or have what they have asked for accede to, accept, agree to, approve, grant** After a stressful delay, her request for a work permit was eventually granted.
- ▶ **say 'no' to someone's request decline, deny, refuse, reject** She was dissatisfied with their explanation and asked for an independent review, but her request was refused.
- ▶ **deal with a request answer, deal with, handle, process, reply to, respond to** We will process your request within 24 hours and contact you should any additional information be required.
- ▶ **consider someone's request assess, consider, discuss, review** There is a duty on employers to consider requests for flexible working hours.

request V

ask for something in a formal way

- ▶ **adv+V** in a polite way kindly, politely, respectfully Hotel guests are respectfully requested to smoke outside only.
- ▶ **specifically explicitly, expressly, particularly, specially, specifically** Unless there have been extensive corrections you will not normally see revised pages unless you specifically request them.
- ▶ **many times commonly, frequently, often, repeatedly** Black is the most frequently requested colour.
- ▶ **formally formally, officially** Councillor Southby formally requested permission to set up a committee.
- ▶ **urgently urgently** Clarke claimed that he urgently requested a cabinet level meeting.
- ▶ **simply merely, simply** Over 50 per cent of calls were simply requesting information.
- ▶ **V+n** documents brochure, catalogue, copy, data, document, file, form, pack, report Click here to request a copy of the University prospectus.
- ▶ **information data, details, evidence, information** Using the Freedom of Information Act, we requested data on the number of people arrested for terrorist offences.
- ▶ **help or advice advice, assistance, feedback, help, support** The Coastguard requested assistance for a woman stuck in the mud near the Marina.
- ▶ **money donation, funding, money, payment, refund** Full payment is requested 8 weeks prior to the commencement of your vacation.
- ▶ **a meeting appointment, call, interview, meeting, visit** Several groups involved in the debate had requested meetings with officials.
- ▶ **permission to do something access, permission** You may request permission to use the images for other purposes by contacting the photographer.

requirement N

something you must do, according to a law or rule [usually plural]

- ▶ **adj+N** according to a law, contract, or rule contractual, legal, legislative, mandatory, regulatory, statutory They are responsible for ensuring that we meet the Housing Corporation's regulatory requirements.
- ▶ **strict absolute, demanding, rigorous, strict, stringent** The nuclear regulatory regime imposes stringent safety requirements on nuclear power stations.
- ▶ **basic basic, critical, fundamental, key** This is a fundamental requirement of the policy.
- ▶ **the least you can have or do minimum** The minimum requirement is a grade 1 in English and Maths.
- ▶ **official formal, official** While there are no formal entry requirements, candidates should be advised that this is a professional level qualification.
- ▶ **that you must do compulsory, essential, necessary** These courses are not a compulsory requirement, but they are recommended for all students.
- ▶ **types of requirement academic, dietary, educational, environmental, financial, nutritional, technical** We need a heating system that meets current and future environmental requirements.
- ▶ **v+N** do what a requirement says you should

achieve, adhere to, comply with, conform to, fulfil, match, meet, satisfy Failure to meet the requirements of this Act can result in prosecution.

- ▶ **say what the requirement is define, determine, establish, lay down, outline, set out, specify, state** relevant requirements are determined by the relevant Head of Department.
- ▶ **introduce a requirement implement, impose, introduce** We will also implement the requirements of the proposed legislation on Freedom of Information.
- ▶ **get rid of a requirement dispense with, relax, remove, waive** Changes to safety legislation will remove the requirement for fire certificates for workshops.
- ▶ **go more than a requirement says exceed, go beyond** It is our policy to create products which meet the latest European standards, and in most instances exceed the requirements.
- ▶ **make sure people do what a requirement says enforce** We have a duty to enforce the requirements of food hygiene legislation.

rescue N

in act of saving someone from an unpleasant situation

- ▶ **adj+N daring, dramatic, heroic, successful** Three police officers risked their lives in a dramatic rescue.
- ▶ **v+N** carry out a rescue carry out, come to sb's, effect, mount, perform A kayaker came to the rescue of a surfer, bringing him back to shore after seeing him in difficulty in Portland Harbour. • Doubts jumped in, but was unable to effect the rescue and the man was drowned.
- ▶ **try to rescue someone attempt, go to sb's** Three lifeboats went to the rescue, but the sea was so rough that only one reached the ship.
- ▶ **wait for someone to rescue you wait** He stayed on the boat, trying to attract attention, and awaiting rescue.
- ▶ **When an attempt to perform a rescue attempt, bid, effort, mission, operation** A rescue operation was immediately organized, which took most of the day to recover the bodies.
- ▶ **work done to perform a rescue work** Without their sterling rescue work, the South China Sea would have claimed many more lives that day.
- ▶ **a group of people performing a rescue crew, party, personnel, squad, team, unit, workers** She was trapped for 15 minutes before being released by a rescue team.
- ▶ **organization whose function it is to carry out rescues organization, service** We are working on a new TV drama based on the work of the mountain rescue service.
- ▶ **equipment or vehicles used for performing a rescue boat, craft, equipment, helicopter, ship, vehicle** She was taken to hospital by RAF rescue helicopter.

research N

detailed study that discovers new facts

- ▶ **adj+N** done recently or being done now current, the latest, new, ongoing, recent New research suggests that most trainee teachers feel confident that their training has prepared them well.

- ▶ **new and different cutting-edge, groundbreaking, innovative, pioneering** The pioneering research of Professor Donald and his team has given us a clearer picture of early pregnancy.
- ▶ **important important, necessary, vital** Money raised by the charity has funded some of the most important research into kidney conditions.
- ▶ **involving a lot of thorough and detailed work detailed, extensive, in-depth, intensive, meticulous, painstaking, rigorous, thorough** Many of the issues raised in the inquiry demand further detailed research.
- ▶ **done with someone else collaborative, interdisciplinary, joint** There is a strong tradition of collaborative research with colleagues in the Faculty of Medicine.
- ▶ **done on a particular subject biological, biomedical, clinical, educational, environmental, genetic, historical, medical, scientific, social** Recent scientific research has shown a link between poor oral health and conditions such as heart and lung disease.
- ▶ **using particular methods academic, applied, comparative, empirical, qualitative, quantitative** Much of the research is qualitative and based on both male and female samples.
- ▶ **v+N** do research carry out, conduct, do, perform, pursue, undertake She is continuing to do research into medieval European dress.
- ▶ **provide money for research finance, fund, sponsor, support** Every penny received goes directly to buy equipment or to fund research.
- ▶ **officially ask someone to do research commission** The government has commissioned further research to be carried out by The National Parenting and Families Institute.
- ▶ **tell people the results of research deliver, present, publish, report** Professor David Mellor is to present his research at a conference organised by Compassion in World Farming next month.
- ▶ **be in charge of a programme of research coordinate, direct, lead, manage, supervise** The research was led by Professor Dennis Parker.
- ▶ **look at other people's research assess, evaluate, review** This paper will review the research of the past decade and consider some of the gaps in our knowledge.
- ▶ **report or publish your research disseminate, present, publicize, publish, report** The monthly meeting provides a forum for team members to present their research.
- ▶ **N+V** be about something address sth, centre on sth, concentrate on sth, cover sth, examine sth, explore sth, focus on sth, include sth, investigate sth, involve sth, look at sth This research focuses on the experiences of people being discharged from psychiatric in-patient treatment.
- ▶ **show something conclude sth, demonstrate sth, find sth, highlight sth, identify sth, indicate sth, report sth, reveal sth, show sth, suggest sth, uncover sth** Recent research has found that regular physical activity can add two or more years to life expectancy. • As to how such challenges might be tackled, this research highlighted a number of areas in need of attention.
- ▶ **prove something confirm sth, prove sth, support**

Recent research has confirmed that early diagnosis of hearing problems is very important.
 ▶ aim to do something aim to do sth, seek to do sth
 My research aims to push the boundaries of both the above developments.

• N+n someone doing research assistant, group, scientist, staff, student, team We accept people as research students if there is clear evidence that they can work independently on a research question.
 ▶ results of research findings, results New research findings show that 47 per cent of us suffer from a headache at least once a month.
 ▶ methods of research methodology, methods, process, strategy You will be given a general introduction to research methods.
 ▶ research work activity, programme, project, study, work She is currently working on a research project looking at stresses in the lives of working parents.
 ▶ organization or place doing research centre, establishment, facility, institute, institution, laboratory, organization We are raising funds for a dedicated brain tumour research centre.
 ▶ money for research budget, funding, grant He holds a research grant to investigate attitudes to disability.
 ▶ the subject you research area, interest, topic My main research area is English phonetics and phonology, and the interface between the two.
 ▶ a written plan of something you want to research proposal Please make your research proposal as detailed and specific as you can.
 ▶ something you use to help you do research tool The book is an invaluable research tool.

resemblance N

▶ similarity between people or things
 • adj+N great close, distinct, great, marked, strong The software bore a strong resemblance to its predecessor.
 ▶ great and surprising remarkable, startling, striking, uncanny Lesley bears a striking resemblance to Catherine Zeta Jones.
 ▶ slight faint, passing, slight, superficial, vague Shirley has a passing resemblance to hockey though the rules are very different.
 ▶ very little little The article has been re-written so it bears little resemblance to the original.
 ▶ physical physical I was struck by the close physical resemblance between Billy and his brother.
 • v+N have a resemblance bear, have, show Our lifestyle today has little resemblance to that of our ancestors.
 ▶ notice a resemblance note, notice, see, spot When I straighten my hair I can see the resemblance between us so much.

resemble V

▶ be similar to someone or something
 • adv+V very much closely, exactly, greatly, strongly He was named Peter after his grandfather, whom he strongly resembled.
 ▶ rather remotely, slightly, somewhat, vaguely The plant somewhat resembles Indian corn, or maize.
 ▶ in physical appearance physically, superficially Though it superficially resembles a wasp, a hover-fly is completely harmless.

▶ increasingly increasingly Crime and violence have increased, and the area increasingly resembles a war zone.

resent V

▶ experience angry unhappy feelings when treated unfairly

• adv+V bitterly, deeply, greatly, really, strongly I bitterly resented his criticisms.
 • V+n attempt, criticism, fact, idea, implication, interference, intrusion, presence, sb's success, suggestion She resents the fact that she isn't able to work.

resentful ADJ

▶ angry because of being treated unfairly or without respect

• adv+ADJ bitterly, deeply, increasingly Local people are deeply resentful of what they see as interference by central government.
 • v+ADJ be, become, feel, seem Without the opportunity to learn and grow, children may become increasingly resentful.
 • and/or angry, bitter, frustrated, jealous The Treaty of Versailles left the German people feeling bitter and resentful.

resentment N

▶ an angry unhappy feeling caused by unfair treatment

• adj+N great bitter, considerable, deep, great, intense, much, strong There is deep resentment among many people in the local community about the ban.
 ▶ becoming greater growing, increasing It is clear that there is growing resentment among the people towards the occupation of their country.
 ▶ felt, but not openly expressed festering, latent, smoldering, smouldering The tax rises led to simmering resentment among the lower-paid, who felt they were bearing most of the burden.
 ▶ among many people popular, widespread Widespread resentment of the system was seen as contributing to Ireland's social unrest.

• v+N cause resentment arouse, breed, cause, create, generate, lead to, provoke, stir When people were forced to take work home with them, it could sometimes cause resentment.
 ▶ make resentment stronger exacerbate, fuel, increase Giving greater power to traffic wardens could fuel resentment among drivers already angry about speed cameras.

▶ feel resentment feel, harbour He is envious of Donna's greater intellectual ability and feels some resentment towards her.
 ▶ show resentment express, show Members of the local population have at times expressed resentment over aid from donor agencies going only to the refugees.

• n+of+N a feeling of resentment feeling, sense If staff perceive that they are valued, then feelings of resentment can be minimised.
 ▶ a cause of resentment cause, source The abuses

committed by many landlords was also a major cause of resentment.

• and/or anger, bitterness, envy, fear, frustration, guilt, hatred, hostility, jealousy, suspicion Resentment and bitterness may breed new terrorists.

reservation N

▶ an arrangement to have or use something later

• n+N accommodation, dinner, ferry, flight, hotel, restaurant, seat, table, ticket, travel The new cinema will also have a service desk to help patrons with calling a taxi or making a dinner reservation.
 • v+N make a reservation make, place, secure We can handle your flight bookings and make reservations for hotels and restaurants.
 ▶ cancel a reservation cancel If you have to cancel your reservation more than 14 days before your visit, any deposit will be refunded.
 ▶ say that a reservation is definite confirm We will confirm your reservation by email as soon as we receive your deposit.

• N+n agent, deposit, enquiry, fee, form, office, price, request, service, system, team We provide a high-quality travel reservation service.
 ▶ 2 doubts about whether something is right [usually plural] I doubt about the sound problems, I would have no hesitation in recommending this product.

• adj+N serious deep, grave, major, serious, severe, strong Congress had expressed grave reservations about the plans.

▶ minor minor, slight Despite very slight reservations about the sound problems, I would have no hesitation in recommending this product.
 • v+N tell people about your reservations air, express, voice I took the liberty of voicing some personal reservations about the content or balance of the scientific programme.

▶ have reservations harbour, have Given the enormity of these changes, it is unsurprising to learn that many people harbour some reservations about going ahead.
 ▶ If you want to say that you have no doubt that something is good, you can use the phrase without reservation: The one poet whom I can recommend without reservation is T. S. Eliot.

reserve N

▶ a supply of something that can be used when people need it [usually plural]

• adj+N enormous, finite, huge, substantial, untapped, vast The marshes happen to be on top of the some of the greatest untapped reserves of oil.

• n+N natural resources coal, energy, fuel, gas, hydrocarbon, mineral, oil, ore, petroleum The main demand of the demonstrators is for the nationalisation of the country's gas reserves.
 ▶ financial resources capital, cash, currency, dollar, euro, gold, sterling At that time, the US dollar accounted for over 70 per cent of global currency reserves.

• v+N use some of a reserve dip into, draw on, exploit, tap into A strong and stable relationship will be able to draw on reserves of strength.

▶ build up a reserve accumulate, amass, build up, develop The enemy had amassed a great secret reserve of fighter aircraft.

▶ have a reserve have, hold, own There are queues at the gas stations - and this is in a country which holds the world's second largest oil reserves.
 ▶ use all of a reserve deplete, drain, exhaust By 1797 war with France had drained the gold reserves.

▶ increase a reserve again after it has been used replenish From mid-May to August, reserves of food are replenished.

resign V

▶ state formally that you are leaving a job permanently

• adv+V in a willing way happily, voluntarily, willingly Employees who resign voluntarily in the first 6 months must repay any relocation fees.
 ▶ suddenly abruptly, forthwith, immediately, promptly, suddenly, unexpectedly When Bealle revealed this fact, Richards resigned forthwith.

• V+as captain, chair, chairman, director, editor, executive, head, leader, manager, minister, president, secretary, trustee Anyone wishing to apply for a remunerated position within a charity should immediately resign as a trustee.
 • V+from board, cabinet, committee, council, government, job, office, party, position, post He resigned from the board when an agreement couldn't be reached.

resignation N

▶ the act of leaving a job permanently

• v+N tell your boss that you are leaving hand in, offer, submit, tender However, he soon became disheartened with the Fund and tendered his resignation in 1886.
 ▶ tell the public that you are leaving announce Senator Jefferson of Vermont announced his resignation from the Republican Party to sit as an independent.

▶ cause someone to leave force, lead to, prompt, provoke, trigger The defeat had triggered the resignation of the party leader and precipitated a leadership contest.
 ▶ say publicly that someone must resign call for, demand There were articles in all the main newspapers calling for the resignation of the council leader.

• N+n letter, speech, statement Resignation letters should be addressed to the Human Resources department.

▶ the attitude of accepting something unpleasant
 • adj+N passive, quiet, weary She paused, and a look of quiet resignation crossed her features.

• n+of+N air, feeling, sense, sigh An air of resignation seemed to hang over the everyone in the office.

• and/or despair, patience, regret, sadness Scully doesn't answer, but the sadness and resignation on her face says it all.