

## Worksheet

### Dreams and nightmares

There are several different types of collocation. This worksheet focuses on the basic combinations

#### ► Activity 1

##### adjective + Noun

Find the entry for the noun *dream* in the *Macmillan Collocations Dictionary*. Look at the section under the definition: *something experienced in your mind during sleep*. Find the adjectives that match these definitions of the different types of *dream*. The first letter of each adjective is given. Note that there are two possible answers for question 1.

1. a dream happening many times

r \_\_\_\_\_ r \_\_\_\_\_

2. a dream in which you see what is going to happen in the future

p \_\_\_\_\_

3. a very clear dream

v \_\_\_\_\_

4. a strange dream

b \_\_\_\_\_

5. a bad dream

d \_\_\_\_\_

#### ► Activity 2

##### adjective + Noun

Find the section of the entry for the noun *dream* that has this definition: *something good that you hope to achieve*. Complete the definitions for these collocations:

1. a life-long dream

a dream you have had for a very \_\_\_\_\_ time

2. a shattered dream

a dream that has not been \_\_\_\_\_

3. an impossible dream

a dream not \_\_\_\_\_ to be achieved

4. one's ultimate dream

a dream at the end of a \_\_\_\_\_

5. a great dream

a dream that is big and \_\_\_\_\_

#### ► Activity 3

##### verb + Noun

Look in the **verb + Noun** section of both definitions for the noun *dream* and find suitable alternative verb(s) to replace those underlined in these sentences:

1. Aidan badly injured his knee, which ended his dreams of football stardom.

2. A therapist convinced Cate to pursue her dream of becoming a singer.

3. People often dream vivid, recurrent dreams of events in the past.

4. He's living his dream of being a rock star.

5. He looked disorientated, as if he had just woken from a dream.

#### ► Activity 4

##### Miscellaneous

Look at the Dictionary entry for *nightmare* and check which of the underlined verbs can collocate with it:

1. Thousands of patients are undergoing / living a nightmare, waiting for their treatment to begin.

2. It turned out to be their ultimate / last nightmare – the very worst thing they could imagine happening.

3. This is the nightmare scenario / scene that research scientists warned of last week.

4. Planning a wedding can be a logistical / logical nightmare.

5. My search for a nanny for my two girls is proving to be an unmitigated / absolute nightmare.