**Speaking Collocations**

1. **technical problem**: a problem involving the way a machine or system works
2. **be a big deal**: to be a thing considered important.
3. **jealousy**: the state or feeling of being jealous.
4. **centre of attention**: a person or thing that excites everyone’s interest or concern
5. **flat broke**: be completely out of money
6. **throw a party**: hold/ organise a party
7. **give a farewell party**: throw a party for someone who is leaving a job, city, etc
8. **wolf something down**: eat something very rapidly and in very large pieces
9. **scrumptious**: delicious
10. **to come of age**: to reach the age when you are legally considered to be an adult.
11. **attach importance to**: believe that something is important
12. **take pride in**: To take satisfaction in, be proud of, or highly value something one owns, has done, or is renowned for
13. **end up**: to reach a particular place or achieve a situation after other activities
14. **on second thoughts**: Having reconsidered or revised one’s opinion of something
15. **be taken by surprise**: to be shocked or startled by someone or something
16. **be taken aback**: to be shocked or startled by someone or something
17. **make one’s way to somewhere**: walk or travel to somewhere
18. **turn out**: to happen in a particular way or to have a particular result, especially an unexpected one
19. **a sense of accomplishment**: a proud feeling of having done something difficult and worthwhile
20. **for a while**: for some time
21. **fresh in one’s memory**: remember clearly
22. **pull all-nighters**: to be awake all night long, especially to study or to complete something
23. **on edge**: nervous or worried
24. **in hindsight**: looking backward, reflecting on the past
25. **To get the most out of something**: to achieve the greatest output of work, effort, production, etc., out of someone or something
26. **While-collar workers**: people who work in offices, doing work that needs mental rather than physical effort
27. **Adjacent to**: next to or adjoining something else
28. **To boil with rage**: To express or feel an intensive anger
29. **take up**: start doing something
30. **to be up to my ears in**: extremely busy
31. **have a crack at something**: attempt to do something
32. **sedentary lifestyle**: spend a lot of time sitting down
33. **get lean**: have very little or no fat
34. **Laze around**: to spend a period of time being lazy
35. **Catch up on**: learn about something that one missed
36. **Binge-watch**: to watch several episodes of a television series or programme
37. **Shut oneself off**: isolate oneself from other people.
38. **like the white on rice**: close as anything can be
39. **inseparable**: very close
40. **buried in work**: very busy with work
41. **confide in**: to tell something secret or personal to someone who you trust
42. **cross-eyed drunk**: alcohol intoxicated.
43. **to roam**: to move about or travel, especially without a clear idea of what you are going to do
44. **in the middle of nowhere**: in a place that is remote and isolated
45. **shrill scream**: a high pitched scream that can really hurt your ears if you’re too close
46. **life-changing**: having an effect that is strong enough to change someone’s life
47. **real-estate agent**: a person who sells and rents out buildings and land for clients
48. **to make progress**: to move forward in one’s work or activity
49. **lucrative**: producing a great deal of profit
50. **arduous**: involving or requiring strenuous effort; difficult and tiring
51. 51. **ground rule**: a basic principle
52. 52. **retrospect**: a survey or review of a past course of events or period of time
53. 53. **to make the right move**: to have a right decision
54. 54. **role model**: a person looked to by others as an example to be imitated
55. 55. **to look up to sb**: to admire and respect someone
56. 56. **to take different paths**: to make different decisions
57. 57. **to be highly capable**: to perform or show potential for performing at significantly advanced levels when compared with others
58. 58. **to be diametrical to sb/st**: to be completely different to sth/sb
59. 59. **approachable**: easy to talk with; friendly
60. 60. **further education**: formal education beyond school other than at a university or polytechnic
61. 61. **citywide**: including or occurring in all parts of a city
62. 62. **bump into**: to meet by chance
63. 63. **crack someone up**: to make someone laugh
64. 64. **be in awe**: fearful and respectful of someone or something
65. 65. **Genre**: a particular style in arts
66. 66. **Hotspot**: a popular and exciting place
67. 67. **Dance the night away**: to spend the whole night dancing
68. 68. **Sing one’s heart out**: To sing with great enthusiasm
69. 69. **Improvise a tune**: to perform without preparation.
70. 70. **Vividly remember**: remember something accurately
71. 71. **coincidental**: happening by chance, not planned
72. 72. **go – to place**: the best place to come
73. 73. **caught one’s eye**: attract one’s attention
74. 74. **warm ambience**: warm atmosphere
75. 75. **a hideaway**: a place you can go to hide or to be alone
76. 76. **run away:** escape from somebody/ a place
77. 77. **the hustle and bustle**: noisy activity of a lot of people in one place
78. 78. **retain their clients**: keep their customers
79. 79. **in the long run**: a long period in the future
80. 80. **Adaptation**: the transfer of a written work to a film
81. 81. **Hit the big screen**: to be shown at the cinema
82. 82. **Exceeded my expectations**: to be better that expected
83. 83. **Cry one’s eyes out**: cry a lot.
84. 84. **be overwhelmed by something**: to get so much of something that it becomes a problem
85. 85. **to live in solitude**: to live all alone
86. 86. **much less**: not to mention
87. 87. **heartfelt gratitude**: sincere readiness to show appreciation for and to return kindness
88. 88. **back in the day**: in the past
89. 89. **take one’s eyes off**: to cease looking at something or someone
90. 90. **now and then**: sometimes
91. 91. **make my dream come true**: make a wish or a dream become a reality.
92. 92. **Dormitory**: a building for college students to live in
93. 93. **A music festival**: a community event oriented towards live performances of singing and instrument playing
94. 94. **Swarming with**: to be full of something
95. 95. **Stuffy atmosphere**: an unpleasantly warm atmosphere without enough fresh air
96. 96. **Elaborate on the story**: Explain in greater detail.
97. 97. **Burst into laughter**: A spontaneous and sudden fit of laughter.
98. 98. **To be all the rage**: to be very popular or fashionable.
99. 99. **To be caught up in all this hype**: to be involved in a discussion on TV, radio, etc. (disapproving)
100. 100. **To show somebody the ropes**: To show somebody how something is done.
101. **Easier said than done**: to be much more difficult to do than to talk about.
102. **Misshapen beyond recognition**: with a shape that cannot be recognized.
103. **In retrospect**: Thinking about a past situation
104. **An expat**: a person living outside their own country
105. **A blackout**: a period when there is no light as a result of an electrical power failure
106. **The cultural differences**: the differences between 2 cultures
107. **The language barrier**: the difficulties in communication experienced by people or groups speaking different languages
108. **Adore**: love someone very much
109. **Glorious time**: A time of greatness and prosperity.
110. **Legends and myths**: Traditional stories, usually historical and unauthenticated (possibly not true).
111. **Cultural practice**: an action committed by people of a particular culture, tradition or nationality.
112. **To be tied up in something**: to be occupied by something/too busy doing something
113. **To pass the exam with flying colors**: successfully pass the exam
114. **Ease my mind**: to relax
115. **Well-trodden area**: an area with a lot of people traveling
116. **Budget friendly**: affordable
117. **Cost an arm and a leg**: very expensive
118. **Make a killing**: make a lot of money quickly
119. **suffer from**: be badly affected by
120. **excessive**: greater than what seems reasonable or appropriate
121. **tolerable**: moderate, acceptable
122. **in full blossom**: with the flowers fully open
123. **morning chorus**: early morning bird songs
124. **pilgrimage**: a journey to a holy place for religious reasons
125. **in the prime of**: in the best, most successful, most productive stage
126. **susceptible**: very likely to be influenced, harmed or affected
127. **dictate**: decide, determine
128. **hassle**: irritating inconvenience
129. **emphasize**: give special importance to
130. **voluntary**: done willingly
131. **turbulent**: full of sudden change and confusion
132. **dedicated to**: working hard at
133. **compassionate**: feeling or showing sympathy for people who are suffering
134. **be committed to**: willing to work hard and give your time and energy to
135. **senior citizen**: the aged
136. **nursing home**: a public or private residential facility providing a high level of long-term personal or nursing care for the elderly
137. **rapport**: a friendly relationship
138. **achievement**: a thing that somebody has done successfully
139. **To compose**: to write music
140. **An expat**: a person living outside their own country
141. **To portray**: to describe something or somebody
142. **To be hooked**: to enjoy something very much
143. **To reflect on**: to think carefully and deeply about something
144. **To be irritated**: to be annoyed
145. **If my memory serves me right**: If I remember correctly.
146. **Tolerant**: to be able to accept what other people say or do even if you do not agree with it
147. **Calm my anger down**: to make me become less angry and more relaxed
148. **Charismatic**: To have the powerful quality to attract and impress other people
149. **Cool-headed**: calm
150. **To weigh up the pros and cons**: to consider both advantages and disadvantages
151. **To jump to a conclusion**: to make a decision too quickly
152. **In the trade**: To be working in a particular business
153. **To be taken aback**: To be surprised by something
154. **An embodiment of adventure and courage**: A person or thing that represents adventure and courage
155. **The most unlikely places**: Places that no one would want to visit
156. **In awe of**: To admire somebody
157. **Idolize**: Admire, revere, or love greatly or excessively.
158. **Renowned**: Known or talked about by many people; famous.
159. **A great inspiration**: Someone that people aspire to be and are motivated by.
160. **Live a miserable life**: to have a very unhappy and uncomfortable life
161. **A forced marriage**: a marriage where the husband and wife are forced to get married
162. **Encounter difficulties and pains**: to experience difficulties
163. **To the best of my recollection**: if I remember correctly
164. **An influential person**: a person who has a lot of influence on other people
165. **A torrential rain**: the rain falling in large amounts
166. **The worst- case scenario**: the most unpleasant that could happen in a situation
167. **Be as wet as a drowned rat**: to be very wet, especially because you have been in heavy rain
168. **Rear-view mirror**: a mirror in which a driver can see the traffic behind
169. **Skeptical**: having doubts that something will happen
170. **Humanity**: the quality of being kind to people
171. **To chill out**: to relax
172. **Nerve-racking**: making you feel very nervous and worried
173. **High-end product**s: products that are expensive and of high quality
174. **To relieve everyday stress**: to reduce everyday stress
175. **To ease my mind**: to make myself less worried
176. **metropolitan**: connected with a large or capital city
177. **settle** **down**: start to have a quieter way of life
178. **co-existence**: the state of being together in the same place at the same time
179. **shrine**: a place where people come to worship
180. **showcase**: present
181. **a short stroll from**: not far from
182. **flicker**: keep going on and off as it shines or burns
183. **hectic**: full of activity
184. **irresistible**: cannot be stopped or resisted
185. **since time immemorial**: for a very long time
186. **majestic**: impressive
187. **agriculture**: the cultivation and breeding of animals and plants
188. **mighty**: very strong and powerful
189. **discerning**: able to judge the good quality of something
190. **bucket list**: a number of experiences or achievements that a person hopes to have or accomplish during their lifetime
191. **criss-cross**: mark with intersecting lines
192. **gem**: a person, place or thing that is especially good
193. **To take a stroll**: to take a slow relaxed walk
194. **To kick off**: to start something
195. **Mental wellness**: the state of being mentally healthy
196. **If my memory serves me right**: if I remember correctly
197. **To put my feet u**p: to sit down and relax
198. **socialize**: to meet and spend time with people in a friendly way
199. **oasis**: an area in the desert where there is water and where plants grow
200. **roller coaster**: a track at a fairground that goes up and down very steep slopes and that people ride on in a small train for fun and excitement