

## COLLOCATIONS

## Exercise

**Preparation**

Work on the Behaviourism-Language unit, particularly

*Saussure*

*structuralism*

*sign*

*syntagm*

**Exercises**

Try the three exercises below, using the above link for the sites cited.

**Sample answers**

Download the answer sheet from the above link.

1. Food action-noun matching
2. Drag and drop
3. Strong collocations

**1. Food Action-Noun Matching**

<http://www.esl-galaxy.com/matching/Food%20and%20Restaurant%20Action.pdf>

*This worksheet comes from ESL-Galaxy, a site for EFL/ESL learners maintained by Futonge N. Kisito.*

Learners are required to match the action in column A (serve, drink) with the noun in column B (an order, beer).

- a. What type of structural pattern is being practiced in this exercise?
- b. How is the learner expected to find the correct answers?

## 2. Drag and drop

Try the following two online exercises.

### Animal sounds 1

[http://www.englishclub.com/esl-games/match\\_animalsounds01.htm](http://www.englishclub.com/esl-games/match_animalsounds01.htm)

*Which animal makes which sound? Drag and drop the verbs to match the nouns in this online EFL exercise from Englishclub.*

### Categories 1

[http://www.englishclub.com/esl-games/match\\_categories01.htm](http://www.englishclub.com/esl-games/match_categories01.htm)

*Which word is an example of which category? Drag and drop the vocabulary items to the matching superordinate category.*

Do the exercises require learners to practice paradigmatic or syntagmatic relations?

## 3. Strong collocations

<http://www.better-english.com/strongcollocation/collocations.htm>

*Try this exercise for EFL learners of Business English. Check your score out of 20.*

- a. What kind of collocations does the activity focus on?
- b. How well did you score? What does your score say about your mastery of English if you are i) a native speaker and ii) a second language speaker of English?