

Problematic Word Combinations for FCE 2

1. Ban, Forbid, Not allow and Prohibit

Examples of use.

- Parking has been banned in this street for authorities like governments and schools
- Cars have been banned from parking
- You are not allowed to park in this street
- It is prohibited to park in this street used with "It"
- The Jewish are forbidden to eat camels and prawns for religious reasons

Instructions: Fill the gaps with banned, forbidden, not allowed and prohibited.

- 1 The film 'Last Tango in Paris' was in Spain until 1976.
- 2 Beckham has been from the next match because he got a red card.
- 3 Excuse me, miss, but you're to smoke in here.
- 4 When we were kids, we were to watch TV during the week.
- 5 Andy was from that pub for being nuisance to other customers.
- 6 Darren was from driving for a year for speeding.
- 7 Our dog is on the sofa. Is yours?
- 8 It is to swim in this part of the beach.
- 9 Smoking has been in that restaurant.
- 10 You are to smoke anywhere inside the airport.
- 11 Jehovah's Witnesses are to give each other Christmas presents.
- 12 Dwarves are to enter synagogues.
- 13 The European Union has red tuna fishing in the Mediterranean.
- 14 You are to switch on your mob in this theatre.
- 15 MP3 players have been from our school.
- 16 It is to park your car in the city centre.
- 17 Turtle soup has been from restaurants, thank goodness.
- 18 Chewing gum has been in Singapore.
- 19 Trucks are on the roads in France on Sundays.

20 Trucks are from driving on the road in France on Sundays.

2. Beat, Earn and Win

Examples of use.

- You beat your opponent Valencia FC beat Real Madrid on Saturday
- You win the game Valencia FC won the match
- You earn your wages It's rude to ask someone how much they earn

Instructions: Fill the gaps with beat, earn and win in the correct form.

- 1 It's none of your business how much I
- 2 Samantha's just bought a red convertible. She must have the lottery.
- 3 When I Jonathan at table tennis, he got very angry.
- 4 No one I know has ever her at pool. She's a great player.
- 5 A: Who the match last Saturday? Valencia or Real Madrid?
B: Valencia, of course.
- 6 Zaragoza Arsenal every time they meet.
- 7 Jim was big money before he went off to teach in Thailand.
- 8 I love my job but I need to more money.
- 9 England won The World Cup in 1966. They Germany.
- 10 Spain Australia in The Davis Cup.
- 11 He me in the first round but I won in the end.
- 12 I dare you to me at tiddlywinks.
- 13 You deserve a holiday. You've really it.
- 14 Teachers in London don't enough money to buy a house.

Answers 1

- 1 The film 'Last Tango in Paris' was banned in Spain until 1976.
- 2 Beckham has been banned from the next match because he got a red card.
- 3 Excuse me, miss, but you're not allowed to smoke in here.
- 4 When we were kids, we weren't allowed to watch TV during the week.
- 5 Andy got banned from that pub for being nuisance to other customers.
- 6 Darren was banned from driving for a year for speeding. Prat!
- 7 Our dog is not allowed on the sofa. Is yours?
- 8 It is prohibited to swim in this part of the beach.
- 9 Smoking has been banned in that restaurant.
- 10 You are not allowed to smoke anywhere inside the airport.
- 11 Jehovah's Witnesses are forbidden to give each other Christmas presents.
- 12 Dwarves are forbidden to enter synagogues.
- 13 The European Union has banned red tuna fishing in the Mediterranean.
- 14 You are not allowed to switch on your mob in this theatre.
- 15 MP3 players have been banned from our school.
- 16 It is prohibited to park your car in the city centre.
- 17 Turtle soup has been banned from restaurants, thank goodness.
- 18 Chewing gum has been banned in Singapore.
- 19 Trucks are not allowed on the roads in France on Sundays.
- 20 Trucks are banned from driving on the road in France on Sundays

Answers 2

- 1 It's none of your business how much I earn.
- 2 Samantha's just bought a red convertible. She must have won the lottery.
- 3 When I beat Jonathan at table tennis, he got very angry.
- 4 No one I know has ever beaten her at pool. She's a great player.
- 5 A: Who won? Valencia or Real Madrid?
B: Valencia, of course.
- 6 Zaragossa beat Arsenal every time they meet.
- 7 Jim was earning big money before he went off to teach in Thailand.
- 8 I love my job but I need to earn more money.
- 9 England won The World Cup in 1966. They beat Germany.
- 10 Spain beat Australia in The Davis Cup.
- 11 He beat me in the first round but I won in the end.
- 12 I dare you to beat me at tiddlywinks.
- 13 You deserve a holiday. You've really earned it.
- 14 Teachers in London don't earn enough to buy a house.