



Problematic Word Combinations for FCE 1

## 1. Ache, Hurt and Pain

Examples of use.

- He's got a toothache
- Does it hurt?
- Was he in pain?

**Instructions:** Fill the gaps with **ache**, **hurt** and **pain**.

- 1 The toddler fell down and ..... himself.
- 2 Are you .....
- 3 Are you in .....
- 4 That customer is a real ..... in the neck.
- 5 I get back..... if I sit in that chair.
- 6 I didn't think my heart would ..... so much after we split up.
- 7 Don't mention her weight or you'll ..... her feelings.
- 8 I felt a sharp ..... in my side.
- 9 When you've got the flu, you ..... all over.
- 10 Luckily, nobody was badly .....
- 11 A little hard work never ..... anyone.
- 12 No ....., no gain.
- 13 Shut up, will you?! You're giving me a head.....
- 14 Where's the .....
- 15 Women have a higher ..... threshold than men.
- 16 I was in a lot of ..... after my fall.

## 2. Another, Other and Others

Examples of use.

- Do you have another question? – singular and general
- Do you have any other questions? plural
- I prefer the other one – singular and specific
- My boss and your boss really hate one another – a shared condition
- We need to think of one other possible solution – an alternative
- I like one or two of his songs but the others are awful – the rest

**Instructions:** Fill the gaps with **another, other and others**.

- 1 If he is a good person or not, is ..... matter.
- 2 Dogs and their owners tend to be very similar to one .....
- 3 There's only one ..... way we can do this.
- 4 Germany will need to have ..... election soon.
- 5 Some of them have strong religious ideas and the ..... have undemocratic political views.
- 6 ..... encouraging change is that solar panels are getting much better.
- 7 ..... people might think you're crazy if you wear that hat in public.
- 8 That evil corporation manipulates the price of milk and ..... types of food too.
- 9 Their action might provoke retaliation by ..... governments.
- 10 Their cakes are so good that I went back the next day and bought ..... one.
- 11 We spent the weekend doing a bit of this, that and the .....
- 12 His dogs are too friendly. I pushed one down and then the ..... one jumped up on me.
- 13 I've still got a headache. I need ..... aspirin.
- 14 Some veggie restaurants are awful but ..... are fantastic. Try Tastaolletes in Valencia. Theirsalads are truly awesome.
- 15 We stopped for a coffee and then we stopped again at 7 for ..... one.
- 16 The ..... day I ran into an old friend in the market.
- 17 We spend a good deal of money on maintenance and one thing and .....

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18 Proposals for economic union are just ..... phase of the journey toward a united South America.

19 If you say ..... word about it, I'll go ballistic on you.

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#### Answers 2

- 1 If he is a good person or not, is another matter.
- 2 Dogs and their owners tend to be very similar to one another.
- 3 There's only one other way we can do this.
- 4 Germany will need to have another election soon.
- 5 Some of them had strong religious ideas and other bigots had undemocratic political views.
- 6 Another encouraging change is that solar panels are getting much better.
- 7 Other people might think you're crazy if you wear that hat in public.
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