

## PET GRAMMAR BUILDER – Common Collocations

### 1 Put a line through the incorrect collocation in each group.

0. take ... care of / an exam / ~~the risk of~~ / turns
1. make ... friends with / a mistake / a photo / a promise
2. (a) heavy ... industry / luck / smoker / traffic
3. (a) great ... difficulty / interest / smoker / time
4. tell ... a joke / a promise / a story / the truth
5. (a) strong ... coffee / rain / swimmer / wind

### 2 Now complete the correct collocations for the words/phrases you have put a line through in Exercise 1. Add a verb or adjective.

- 0 run the risk of \_\_\_\_\_
- 1 \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 \_\_\_\_\_

### 3 Read the sentences and complete the collocations. Use a verb in the correct form, or an adjective.

- 0 Will you make the beds before you go out this morning?
- 1 The secret of \_\_\_\_\_ a good joke is not to laugh when you get near the end.
- 2 It isn't very cold in Milan in March, so \_\_\_\_\_ coat or jacket should be enough.
- 3 That new perfume has such a \_\_\_\_\_ smell that I find it annoying.
- 4 We urge you to \_\_\_\_\_ confidence in your government in these difficult times.
- 5 This workshop will teach you all you need to know to \_\_\_\_\_ your own business.
- 6 Please listen - you're \_\_\_\_\_ the point. I'm not trying to criticize you at all.
- 7 We advise early booking as there is always \_\_\_\_\_ interest in this excursion.
- 8 We've only got a day's holiday left, so we'd better \_\_\_\_\_ the most of it.

## ANSWERS

1

1 a photo

2 luck

3 smoker

4 a promise

5 rain

2

1 take a photo

2 bad/good luck

3 heavy smoker

4 make a promise

5 heavy/light rain

3

1 telling

2 light

3 strong

4 have

5 run

6 missing

7 great

8 make