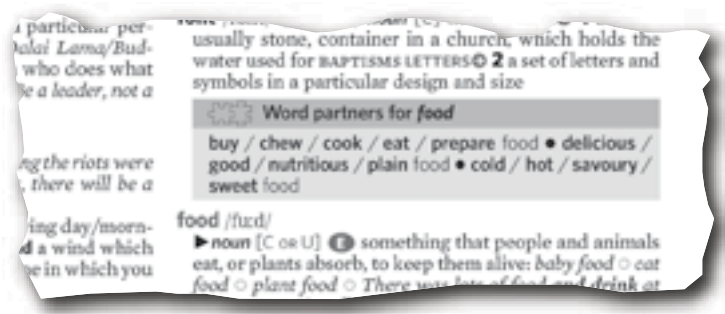


## 4. Word partners

The **Cambridge Advanced Learner's Dictionary** is full of information on words that are frequently spoken or written together. These are called collocations or 'word partners' and they can be found within the dictionary entries or in their own **Word Partner** boxes next to definitions.

### A. Complete the gaps with words from the **Word Partner** box for **food**.

It is important to \_\_\_\_\_<sup>1</sup> food well before you swallow it to help you digest it better. It is also important to eat a \_\_\_\_\_<sup>2</sup> diet. Some people say if you go shopping and \_\_\_\_\_<sup>3</sup> your own fresh food and then \_\_\_\_\_<sup>4</sup> it yourself at home, you enjoy it more. At home you can create your own \_\_\_\_\_<sup>5</sup> dishes like pasta, risottos and stews. Then you can \_\_\_\_\_<sup>6</sup> lovely \_\_\_\_\_<sup>7</sup> food like apple pie, carrot cake and chocolate cake.



### B. Circle the correct answer. Look up the word in **bold** in your dictionary and find a **Word Partner** box to help you.

- We found a(n) ..... method of carrying the bicycles to the beach.  
a) **reliable**    b) **reliant**    c) **alternate**
- It was only by ..... force that we managed to open the gate.  
a) **excess**    b) **reasoned**    c) **sheer**
- I'm going to take a ..... of clothes to the sports day, so I have something else to wear.  
a) **pair**    b) **change**    c) **take**
- He's a fantastic athlete. He has a(n) ..... ability to play tennis.  
a) **nature**    b) **instinct**    c) **natural**
- My dentist told me that the ..... cause of my dental problems was eating too much sugar.  
a) **common**    b) **underlying**    c) **establish**
- Gemma decided to ..... with tradition and go away for her birthday.  
a) **break**    b) **snap**    c) **go**
- There is always a(n) ..... of risk when you climb a mountain.  
a) **piece**    b) **small**    c) **element**
- There's been a ..... increase in the number of tourists choosing exotic locations this year.  
a) **substance**    b) **substantial**    c) **substantiated**

