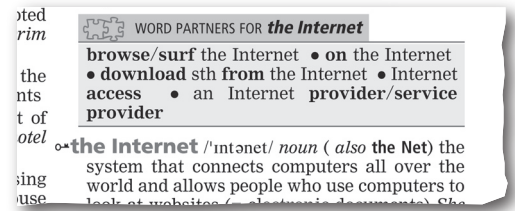


Word Partners

The **Cambridge Learner's Dictionary** gives you lots of information on words that are often spoken or written together. These are called collocations or word partners, and some examples are: *get/send a text* and *heavy traffic*. **Word Partner boxes** in the **Cambridge Learner's Dictionary** help you understand which words are commonly used together so that you can speak and write more natural-sounding English.

A. Use the Word Partner box for *the Internet* to fill in the gaps below.

People are spending more and more of their free time (1) _____ the Internet. It's true that once you are (2) _____ the Internet, you can become completely absorbed in finding out and reading about certain subjects. We can even (3) _____ useful things from the Internet such as podcasts or even virus software to protect our computers. For those who don't have home computers, there is usually Internet (4) _____ in public libraries and most towns have an internet café. There are various Internet (5) _____, and most offer competitive rates for Internet use.



B. Match the words and phrases to make ten word partners. The word in bold on the right has a Word Partner box in the dictionary that will help you.

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| 1. carry out | experience |
| 2. prove | wage |
| 3. take | a sequence |
| 4. a major | a raid |
| 5. gain | a questionnaire |
| 6. easily | an announcement |
| 7. make | issue (noun) |
| 8. fill in | available |
| 9. in | medicine |
| 10. a decent | a theory |

Work with a partner. Write a sentence using each of the word partners you have just made.

C. Use the Extra Help pages on *What is a collocation/word partner?* (pages 41-46) in the centre of the **Cambridge Learner's Dictionary** to help you fill in the gaps in the following sentences. The word in brackets at the end of each sentence directs you to the section that will help you.

- I'm not sure exactly, but I think that Marianne must be _____ 35 now. (**Age**)
- When it's really hot outside, I prefer to wear _____ clothes. (**Clothes**)
- Our local college offers some really interesting conservation _____. (**Subjects for study**)
- Gabriela is having saxophone _____ every Friday after school. (**Musical instruments**)
- It's not a good idea to _____ breakfast as you'll feel hungry and tired later on. (**Meals**)
- I've lived in Spain for ten years and now my Spanish is _____. (**Languages**)
- Josephine _____ a cold because she forgot to wear her coat yesterday. (**Illnesses**)
- Police are _____ the theft of three cars from the town car park. (**Crimes**)

