1. Study the collocations and set phrases below clustered into topic-related groups.

**ART & CULTURE**
1. leave a legacy
2. be a source of inspiration
3. a city with historic landmarks
4. take pride in my cultural heritage
5. a stark contrast between
6. blur the boundaries between
7. lay the foundations of

**ENTERTAINMENT**
1. have a blast/a whale of a time
2. the party is in full swing
3. is the life and soul of the party
4. a play/group attracts media attention
5. have an unquenchable thirst for adventure
6. have an insatiable desire/appetite for life
7. give/get an adrenalin rush

**SPORTS**
1. hold a training session
2. hold/set/break the world record
3. cross the finishing line
4. be gasping for breath
5. sustain an injury
6. take performance-enhancing drugs
7. a result comes as a surprise
8. be his/her crowning achievement

**PERFORMANCE**
1. be in the limelight/under the spotlight
2. have an imposing stage presence
3. suffer from stage fright
4. have a dress rehearsal
5. give/receive a round of applause
6. bring the house down
7. be booed off the stage
8. meet with critical acclaim

2. Match the two parts that contain collocations from the list above to make true statements about these famous people’s lives.

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3. Supply the prepositions that go together with these verbs and nouns.

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| 2. apply | to
| 3. bet | on
| 4. compatible | with
| 5. cut | back on
| 6. on | display
| 7. disqualify | from
| 8. gamble | on
| 9. hail | as/from
| 10. idle | away
| 11. inculcate | with
| 12. indebted | to
| 13. infuse | with
| 14. imbue | with
| 15. insist | in(to)/with
| 16. persist | in
| 17. link | to
| 18. parachute | off/from
| 19. persist | in
| 20. range | from/to
| 21. regardless | of
| 22. straighten | out/up
| 23. sort | out
| 24. under | scrutiny

4. Complete the following sentences using verbs, nouns, or adjectives and the prepositions that go with them from the list above.

1. Albert Einstein was hailed as the greatest scientist of all times.
2. Turks are indebted to Kemal Ataturk for his contribution to the modernization of their country.
3. It is a coach's job to straighten out problems between team members.
4. It takes courage and guts to parachute off a plane.
5. During the break students idle away in groups in the courtyard.
6. Sergeants should inculcate new recruits with discipline.
7. All citizens have the right to vote regardless of ethnicity or creed.
8. Politicians' private lives are under scrutiny because the public want to know what kind of people they are.
9. Artists complain when the government cuts back on funding for the arts.
10. Some people say China will soon have the best cars on the market, but based on what I know about cars I wouldn't bet on it.

Assimilation Stage

A LITTLE REGULAR EXERCISE EXTENDS MEN'S LIVES

Fill in the blanks with a suitable word from the box. Use each once.

regardless reveal moderate extend range confer expend prescribe consume prolong brisk odds

1. Even moderate smokers are at increased risk of contracting lung cancer, let alone heavy smokers.
2. After Bob's nervous breakdown, the doctor prescribed a series of medicines to calm his nerves and restore his mental balance.
3. John and Sarah's relationship had been going downhill lately, so they both decided not to prolong their misery and broke up.
4. Many men dream of owning a car such as a Ferrari or a Porsche that confers status on its owner.
5. The painting acquired immense value when it was **revealed** that it was painted by Van Gogh.

6. A careful, healthy lifestyle can **extend** your life by several years.

7. According to scientists, even a **brisk** walk can provide tangible benefits for your body and mind.

8. Gyms that offer a wide range of activities and services are very popular nowadays.

9. The effort and energy **expended** in trying to climb a mountain are quite considerable, and the body needs fluids to replenish them right afterwards.

10. Drivers who **consume** a large quantity of alcohol before they drive behave criminally because they knowingly put other people's life at unnecessary risk.

11. The **odds** of recovery from Alzheimer's disease are non-existent at present.

12. All citizens, **regardless** of race or creed, are entitled to freedom of speech and expression.

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**REMEMBER WHAT WE OWE TO ARAB SCIENCE**

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1. Religion and science used to be **rivals**, but in the Western world this conflict has long lost its edge.

2. One of the reasons why people who live in big cities feel alienated is that society has become **fragmented** and has lost its cohesion.

3. In the 1960s the emergence of the hippy movement was believed to be **heralding** a new era marked by peace, love, and freedom.

4. In New York City, suburban prosperity contrasts **starkly** with inner city squalor.

5. Monuments around the world should be carefully preserved as they are part of each country's national **heritage**.

6. The publication of Lady Chatterley’s Lover **sparked** a wave of protests by moral and religious conservatives.

7. The burning hotel was evacuated and the fire was put out thanks to the **timely** intervention of the fire department.

8. Decadent and derelict as it was in the late 1970s, Manchester was **fertile** ground for the development of dark new wave music.

9. Forty eight years after his assassination, Martin Luther King’s **legacy** lives on, as the dream of racial unity is closer to becoming a reality.

10. Much to the displeasure of the police, the two eyewitnesses’ **accounts** of the accident differed greatly.

11. The deal struck by the two countries to share energy resources was seen as a major **breakthrough** in the effort to achieve peace and prosperity in the region.

12. The **advent** of airplane travel brought cultures closer together and gave fresh impetus to internationalism and cosmopolitanism.
Gaudi Mania

Fill in the blanks with a suitable word or phrase from the box. Use each once.

ostentation    exuberant    ambivalent    exacerbate    intact    incline
ornate    superfluous    homage    commission    profusion    hail

1. I feel **ambivalent** about the money made by Hollywood actors: they deserve it as they are talented, but it's a disgrace that doctors and professors earn less.
2. It’s difficult for actors who play in Almodovar’s movies to keep their self-esteem **intact** in the face of his criticism and demands.
3. Most modern buildings have no **superfluous** decoration. Everything in them serves a purpose.
4. Mediterranean people are inherently **exuberant** and show their feelings openly.
5. The rivalry between the two artists was **exacerbated** when they were both short-listed for the Oscar award.
6. The **ornate** interior of the magnificent palace impressed the visitors.
7. Advocates of functionalism usually shun **ostentation** because they believe in the elimination of non-essential elements.
8. Vangelis was **commissioned** to compose the music for the Sydney Olympic Games, which shows how much he is respected worldwide.
9. Leaders from all over the world attended Princess Diana’s funeral to pay **homage** to her.
10. Barack Obama is **hailed** by many Americans as a new John Kennedy, and they are pinning their hopes on him to revive the country.
11. The Chinese language has a **profusion** of pictographs that correspond with individual words in Indo-European languages.
12. Few young people nowadays are **inclined** to write poetry, as literature has lost currency with the younger generation.

**Literal vs. Metaphorical Use**

1. *Study the sentences below where the words in blue are used literally.*

   1. Everyone in the room turned and **bowed** as the Queen of England made her entry.
   2. He was rushed to hospital after going into cardiac arrest, but doctors could not **revive** him.
   3. As a boy, Joe was quite **robust** and always looked the picture of health.
   4. The city of Phoenix, Arizona was built on land that used to be **barren** desert.
   5. After an arduous climb we were all relieved to reach the **pinnacle** of the mountain.
   6. There was a nasty smell coming from the **stagnant** pond, and I didn’t want to go near.
2. Now use words from above to complete the sentences below where the same words are used metaphorically.

1. I thought Tom and I could collaborate on that project, but after a rather barren and pointless discussion I changed my mind.
2. The Minister of Finance needs to come up with a sound plan to breathe new life into the stagnant economy.
3. Now that Izmir has become a popular holiday destination, the local economy is beginning to revive.
4. When President Kennedy was assassinated, he was at the pinnacle of his political career.
5. Much to the delight of the car companies that manufacture them, sales of SUVs have been quite robust this year.
6. After years of bitter quarreling, the couple bowed to the inevitable and decided to divorce.

APPROPRIACY

Fill in the blanks with words or phrases from the box. For each word or phrase there is a synonym with the same meaning but a different level of formality. Pay attention to the context of each sentence.

expend  defeated profusion waste  top
pinnacle  reveal  divulge plenty  beat

1. (Conversation between coach and players):
“We lost away from home in the first round cause the ref was on their side, but this team we’re gonna beat them no matter what.”

2. (History textbook):
The British navy, led by Admiral Nelson defeated the Spanish and French navy in the battle of Trafalgar in 1805.

3. (Conversation between two reporters):
“I know you’re dying to find out, but I kinda swore to keep it a secret so I can’t really reveal my sources.”

4. (CIA Handbook):
Members of the Secret Service are not permitted to divulge confidential information to the press.

5. (Conversation between two tourists):
“Barcelona is just awesome. There’s plenty of amazing monuments to take in, man!”

6. (Ancient History textbook):
The Hanging Gardens of Babylon, one of the seven wonders of the ancient world, were renowned for having a profusion of wild flowers.

7. (Conversation between two friends):
“I hired a cleaner because I don’t wanna waste so much energy doing the housework.”

8. (Biology textbook):
Children expend a great deal more energy than adults and hence require more nourishment.

9. (Conversation between father and son):
“If you want to reach the top of your profession, you need to stay one step ahead of everybody else, son.”

10. (Magazine article referring to Vangelis):
Vangelis reached the pinnacle of his career when he won an Oscar for the score of Chariots of Fire in 1984.
SYNONYMS

Replace the word in blue in each sentence with the most appropriate word from the box. You may need to change the form of the word.

tribute  redundant  disclose  regimen  protract
riveting  productive  inextinguishable  chances  vary

1. Renaissance scholars evinced an unquenchable desire to push the frontiers of knowledge. (inextinguishable)
2. There was a prolonged silence before the stunned interviewee managed to give an answer to the unexpected question. (protracted)
3. The reporter decided not to reveal his identity to the people he interviewed. (disclose)
4. The sculptor’s mood fluctuated from one day to the next depending on what she was working on. (varied)
5. Salvador Dali is widely regarded as an artist who had a fertile imagination. (productive)
6. The odds of a French movie winning an Oscar are slim. (chances)
7. The discovery that her husband spent the night in a hotel with another woman was all she needed to file for divorce, and any explanation was superfluous. (redundant)
8. After his knee operation, the soccer player followed an exercise program to regain his form. (regimen)
9. In his speech the minister paid homage to the bravery and self-sacrifice of the people who laid down their lives for the sake of their country. (tribute)
10. Casablanca is a gripping movie that keeps the viewers’ attention until the end. (riveting)

OPPOSITES

Use the words in the box to rewrite these sentences so that they make sense.

indispensable  sophisticated  moderation  flimsy  malnourished  profusion  stalemate  conceal  flop  boo

Example: He is not afraid of danger, so he is regarded as a risk-taker.
He is afraid of danger, so he is regarded as a risk-avoider.

1. The building withstood the earthquake because it was sturdy.
The building collapsed during the earthquake because it was flimsy.
2. The novice painter made a crude drawing of the ship.
The experienced painter made a sophisticated drawing of the ship.
3. Nearly everyone wants to see a movie that is a blockbuster.
Nearly no one wants to see a movie that is a flop.
4. A writer who values spontaneity usually regards an outline as superfluous.
A writer who values planning usually regards an outline as indispensable.