

Collocations

Words that 'go together' to describe a place, person or object.

Choose one of the pictures below.

Talk about what you can see going on in the picture.

Make a list of the main words you are using.

Here are some examples for a television (pictured right):

- Screen
- On/off button
- A stand
- Glass
- LED light
- Wires
- Plug
- Ariel socket
- Remote control



Now, take it in turns to describe the object or thing you have collected words for.

Think about how those words save you from having to come up with any complicated alternatives.

For example: "The TV has a stand" not "The TV is kept off the floor by this black shiny thing underneath it."

Your children can write down their descriptions too as a literacy exercise. See how many of the collocations they can use accurately.



Cleaning your teeth



Eating breakfast

Reading a book

