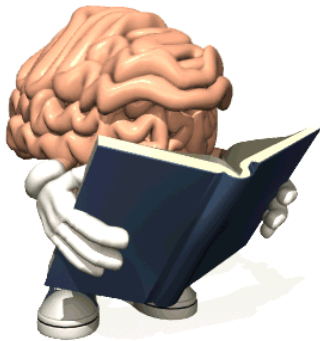


What is a Collocation?

In grammar, a **collocation** is the combination of certain verbs with certain nouns or other words.

These combinations, or collocations, tend to vary from language to language, and may **interfere** with your **conceptualization** of these in English.

For example, in some countries like Mexico, the expression “**make** a decision” is translated/interpreted as **tomar** una decisión.



The verb “**make**” is normally understood as **hacer**, not as **tomar**: this means you do not have to translate, but re-conceptualize the ideas!

Does the expression **hacer** una decisión draw an addecuate idea in your native language thinking? In English thinking it does!

In other words:

Correct: make a decision

Incorrect: take a decision



What is a Collocation?

Other examples are:

Correct: take a picture

Incorrect: make a picture



Correct: do the homework

Incorrect: make the homework

