

Appendix A: The Adopted Version of VKS (CKS)

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Quick Guide

- Learner English level: Intermediate
- Learner Maturity Level: High school and above
- Activity Time: 15 minutes
- Number of Pages: 2
- Number of Questions: 10
- Materials: Handout of the modified Collocation Knowledge Scale

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

The Collocation Knowledge Scale (CKS) is a 5-point self-report scale allowing students to show how proficient they are in using collocations. The CKS uses the idea of vocabulary depth; that is, there are many different aspects to knowing a word and that vocabulary acquisition means gradually making a body of collocation knowledge. Therefore, the CKS allows participants to reveal their partial knowledge of items resulting in a better measurement of collocation gains. The following activity uses an intermediate-level version of CKS. The activity works best with units currently learned in the textbook.

PREPARATION

Mark under 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 into the table based on your current knowledge of each item.

1. I don't remember having seen this collocation before.
 2. I have seen this collocation before, but I don't know what it means.
 3. I have seen this collocation before, and I think it means (Persian translation).
 4. I know this collocation. It means (Persian translation).
 5. I can use this collocation in a sentence (write a sentence):
- Note: In choices with blanks, you should write the sentence under the item.

Collocation Knowledge Scale (CKS)

	1	2	3	4	5
1. Sometimes very dark brown (blackish-brown) hair is mistaken for black. In English, black hair is sometimes described as jet-black.					
2. The Earth is dying. At least, that's what the world's leading experts are saying. There are a few easy ways you can follow to protect the environment.					
3. I thought snow-covered lands were just basic lands with the snow super type and there's no significance to it.					
4. As we get older, the pigment cells in our hair follicles gradually die and the hair goes grey.					
5. Tiny Tot pre-schools offer educational and recreational experiences to promote development.					
6. I fell in love with him the moment I first saw him.					
7. Accepting a marriage proposal based on pressure, fear of letting someone else down is not what you want to do. Remember this is a life-long commitment.					
8. Unconditional love is, in essence, true love. So, it is different from the kind of love most of us have known all our lives.					
9. Achieve a healthier, more youthful appearance without turning to a cosmetic surgeon or using any magical beauty products.					
10. If you have dark hair, ask your stylist for highlights that start at your ears.					

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