

COLLOCATIONS = words that go together

A serious accident	<i>un accident grave</i>
Extensive damage	<i>dégâts importants</i>
A significant / slight change / alteration	<i>changement important / mineur</i>
A drastic change	<i>changement draconien</i>
A big number	<i>un nombre important</i>
A wide range	<i>un large éventail</i>
A dramatic increase	<i>une augmentation spectaculaire</i>
Leading-edge technology	<i>technologie de pointe</i>
State of the art technology	<i>technologie de pointe</i>
Far-reaching consequences	<i>effets de grande ampleur</i>
To issue measures / a warning	<i>lancer des mesures / un avertissement</i>
To cast doubt	<i>jeter un doute</i>
A closely guarded secret	<i>un secret bien gardé</i>
An exorbitant cost	<i>un coût exorbitant</i>
Heavy traffic	<i>une circulation intense</i>
Massive unemployment	<i>chômage important</i>
A dramatic rise / fall	<i>une augmentation/ chute spectaculaire</i>
Relevant information	<i>information adéquate</i>
A casual look	<i>air / allure décontractée</i>
To commit a crime	<i>commettre une infraction</i>
A far-fetched idea	<i>une idée saugrenue</i>
Growing discontent	<i>mécontentement grandissant</i>
Public opinion	<i>opinion publique</i>
Intolerable situation	<i>situation intolérable</i>
Growing interest / unemployment	<i>intérêt / chômage grandissant</i>
Widespread criticism	<i>critique répandue</i>
A vast majority	<i>vaste majorité</i>
By a narrow margin	<i>de justesse</i>
An awkward position	<i>position délicate</i>
To make progress / an effort / a mistake / a mess	
To miss the point	<i>être à côté de la plaque (= is irrelevant)</i>
To do one's best	<i>faire de son mieux</i>
Wild imagination	<i>imagination débridée</i>
Equal opportunity	<i>égalité des chances</i>
An immediate response	<i>réaction immédiate</i>
To adopt measures	<i>adopter des mesures</i>
To undertake a project, a task	<i>entreprendre un projet, une tâche</i>
To carry out a task	<i>effectuer une tâche</i>
Unspoilt beach	<i>plage vierge</i>
Breathtaking / stunning views	<i>vue à couper le souffle</i>
To reach a goal, a compromise	<i>atteindre un but / compromis</i>
To set a goal / a priority	<i>fixer un but / une priorité</i>
To build up / to restore confidence	<i>développer / restaurer confiance</i>

Application exercise : match the words that go together (collocation)

Wild	Range
Serious	A compromise
Dramatic	Imagination
Vast	Accident
Wide	View
Significant	Change
Big	A task
Relevant	Increase
To undertake	Number
To reach	Majority
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