Collocation Lists

On this page you can find a few short lists of collocations to give you more of an idea about them. Many good learner's dictionaries show collocations associated with specific words. There are also dictionaries of collocations, though these are more difficult to find.



pay

pay a fine
pay attention
pay by credit card
pay cash
pay interest
pay someone a compliment
pay someone a visit
pay the bill
pay the price
pay your respects

ACTIVITY 1: Match these infinitives with the phrasal verbs above.

- 1. to honor
- 2. to listen closely
- 3. to say something good about another person
- 4. to drop in
- 5. to use paper, not plastic
- 6. to use plastic, not paper
- 7. to compensate an error with a fee
- 8. to pick up the tab