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COMMUNICATIVE VERBAL COLLOCATIONS FOR ENGLISH CONVERSATION

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ABSTRACT

This study hypothesizes that a language like English can be better learnt by learning it in collocational form rather than word form. Collocation, which is a vital unit of phraseology, is a natural association or grouping of a word particularly with another word(s) because words have cohesive nature or natural tendency of being grouped with particular word(s). Given this cohesive nature of words, this study identifies highly communicative verbal collocations for daily conversation by EFL and ESL learners.

Keywords: Collocation, Verbal Collocation, Structure of Collocation, Base, Collocate.

1. INTRODUCTION

The term collocation was firstly coined by Firth (1957, p11). Sinclair (1970, p150) finds collocation between two items significant, such that they co-occur more often than their respective frequencies and the length of the text in which they appear would predict. The year of 1986 saw a monumental work in the form of The BBI Combinatory Dictionary of English by (Benson et al. 1986) that discussed combinations of English words using different constituent structures at great length. In a similar vein, Nattinger and DeCarrico (1982, p59), believe that lexical phrase (collocation) can be an effective unit of language when it comes to learn a language because speaking a language means conversing in, and comprehending a language means understanding phrases, not as isolated bits of grammatical structure, but as parts of the general ebb and flow of the surrounding discourse. Pertinently, Nation (2004, p32) regards collocation as "words that often occur together" or the company a word keeps. In corpus linguistics and computational linguistics, collocation is defined as a sequence of words that co-occur more often than would be expected by chance (Duan and Qin, 2012). In recent works on collocation, Williams (2019) takes further the notion of significant word associations of both base and collocate to the theory of collocational network that adopts a statistical approach in which cohesive nature of collocation is exploited. It is important to mention here that the terms like base and collocate have been used as head word and collocating word in this study.

Contrary to conventional conviction about constituents of collocation in which a collocation consists of base or headword + collocate, this study does not advocate the structure of base + collocate for a collocation because *base* and *collocate* are not constant in terms of their positions. For instance, in a collocational expression like *love song*, *love* is base and song is collocate. In other words, the base word *love* is functioning as a modifier and *song* is collocate; whereas, in *true love*, *love* is not the modifier because it is being modified by a modifier *true* by coming before 'love'. So, predicting whether a base will be preceded by a collocate or followed by a collocate is difficult. This study classifies collocation on the basis of form and function. In terms of function, the collocation can be of seven types namely *nominal*, *verbal*, *adjectival*, *adverbial*, *phrasal verb*, *prepositional*, *transitional* and there are 14 in terms of form as mentioned in Jha (2020-1).

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2. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

In what follows, the study firstly presents classification of Collocation on the basis of Function and Form followed by the list 50 frequently used verbal collocation in English.

Table-1. Classification of Collocation on the basis of Function and Form

| FUNCTIO N | FORM | EXAMPLES |
|---------------|------------------------------|--|
| Nominal | N+P+N (Noun + Preposition + | Course of action (The action to be taken) |
| | Noun) | Birth certificate (a proof of birth) |
| | N+N (Noun+Noun) | |
| Verbal | V+NP | Catch a cold (Become infected with a |
| | V+Adv | cold) |
| | V+P | Behave properly (Act in a proper |
| | | manner) |
| | | Believe in (Trust) |
| Adjectival | Adj+N | Blind faith (Belief without reasoning) |
| | Adj+P | Excited about (Very eager for |
| A 1 1 1 1 | A 1 . A 1' | something) |
| Adverbial | Adv+Adj Adv+V | Fully aware (Well-informed) |
| | Adv+v | Badly need (Need something desperately) |
| Phrasal verb | V+P | Break down (Stop functioning) |
| 11100001 (010 | V+P+P | Do away with (Get rid of something) |
| Prepositiona | TO phrase | To my surprise (shockingly) |
| 1 | OUT phrase | Out of affection (With fondness) |
| | BY phrase | By chance (Coincidentally) |
| | ON phrase | On a regular basis (Regularly) |
| | BEYOND phrase | Beyond repair (irreparable) |
| | UNDER phrase | Under consideration (Being thought |
| | AT phrase | about) |
| | IN phrase | At the moment (Now) |
| | FOR phrase | In a nutshell (in short) |
| | FROM phrase | For the reason that (Because) |
| | WITH phrase | From hand to mouth (With no saving) |
| | WITHOUT almost | With due respect (Respectfully) |
| | WITHOUT phrase | Within the law (Legally) Without any difficulty (Easily) |
| | DURING phrase AGAINST phrase | During business hour (Working hour) |
| | INSIDE phrase | Against all the odds (Despite hurdles) |
| | OVER phrase | Inside out (Very well) |
| | O , Lit pinuse | Over head and ears (Completely) |
| Transitional | To sum up | To Conclude |

The table above gives a holistic overview of the types of collocation used in terms of function and form. However, this study enlists highly communicative verbal collocations used in daily daily conversation. The following data of verbal collocation will prove useful for the EFL and ESL learners whose first language is Hindi.

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2.2 Verbal Collocation

With reference to the tabular data (see table-1), verbal collocation has three types of collocational grouping: (i) a verb followed by a noun phrase (V+NP), (ii) a verb followed by an adverb (V+Adv), and (iii) a verb followed by a preposition (V+P). The hallmark of the below-mentioned verbal collection is its Hindi and English gloss for better understanding of the used collocations. The following are some commonly used examples collected from both online and offline secondary sources.

2.2.1 Structure-1: V+ NP

The collocational structure of V+NP is the most frequent under verbal collocation. Most of such collocations end with a noun phrase which can be replaced by another noun phrase. For example, in the first collocation - *accept a challenge* below, the noun phrase *a challenge* can be replaced by another noun phrase like accept *a defeat*, accept *a gift*, accept *an invitation*, etc. Thus, one can form more and more collocations on the stated pattern.

| VERBAL COLLOCATIONS | HINDI GLOSS | ENGLISH GLOSS |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| Accept a challenge | चुनौती स्वीकार करना | Literal meaning |
| He is a man who is always ready | to accept a challenge. | |
| Ask a question | प्रश्न पूछना | Literal meaning |
| Raise your hand if you want to as | sk a question. | |
| Ask for help | मदद मांगना | Literal meaning |
| Some people find it difficult to as | sk for help. | |
| Ask permission | मंजूरी लेना | Literal meaning |
| He asked permission to leave the | room. | |
| Break one's promise | वादा तोड़ना | Literal meaning |
| He broke his promise of not drinl | king wine again. | <u> </u> |
| Break the rule | नियम तोड़ना | Literal meaning |
| If you break the rule, you will be | reprimanded first by yo | ur boss. |
| Catch a bus | बस पकड़ना | To get on a bus |
| If I catch a bus now, I will be a | ble to make a visit to l | his place and return home by |
| evening. | | |
| Catch a cold | सर्दी लगना | Become infected with a |
| | | cold |
| Keep your feet dry so you do not | | Lara |
| Catch fire | आग लगना | Ablaze |
| These thatched roofs frequently | | T |
| Come close | पास आना | Literal meaning |
| He had come close to death. | | |
| Come to an end | समाप्त होना | To stop or end |
| All good things come to an end. | T | |
| Do a favor | एहसान करना | Help |
| Could you do a favor for me? | | |
| Do a good job | अच्छा काम करना | To do something well |
| He is able to do a good job, but h | e will first make a fuss a | about it. |
| Do a report | रिपोर्ट तैयार करना | Make a report |
| Could you do a report for me? | · | • |
| could jou do a report for me. | | |

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|----------------------------------|----------------------------|---|
| Earn money | पैसे कमाना | Literal meaning |
| She is working hard to earn n | noney. | ' |
| Express concern | चिंता व्यक्त करना | Literal meaning |
| Many teachers express concer | n over the poor results of | the students. |
| Get a degree | डिग्री हाशिल करना | Literal meaning |
| His plan is to get a degree in o | • | - |
| Get angry | नाराज होना | Literal meaning |
| He was beginning to get angr | ! | - |
| Get wet | भींग जाना | Literal meaning |
| Take some spare clothes in ca | | 1 |
| Give punishment | दंड देना | Literal meaning |
| The teacher gave punishment | 1 - | ı |
| Go bankrupt | दिवालिया होना | Unable to pay one's debts |
| The company is about to go b | • | 1 3 |
| Go mad | पागल हो जाना | To become mentally ill |
| Staying at home all day durin | 1 | |
| Go missing | गायब हो जाना | To become lost or absent |
| The ship went missing in the | | |
| Go quiet | शांत हो जाना | Not saying anything |
| She went quiet for a moment. | SIKI QI SII II | |
| Have a good time | अच्छा समय गुजरना | To enjoy oneself |
| Did you have a good time in S | | |
| Have a rest | आराम करना | Relax |
| They both wanted to have a re | <u>J</u> | Relax |
| Have lunch | भोजन करना | To have a meal in the |
| | | midday |
| The students have lunch at sc | hool. | y |
| Keep a secret | रहस्य गुप्त रखना | Not disclosing |
| Can I trust you to keep a secre | | Trot disclosing |
| Keep calm | शांति बनाये रखना | To be peaceful and worry |
| recp cum | Alliki Griig KGrii | free |
| It is important to keep calm in | n an emergency. | |
| Leave a message | संदेश देनां | Literal meaning |
| You can leave a message with | | ı |
| Lose one's temper | नाराज होना | To get extremely angry |
| I lost my temper and yelled at | | |
| Make a contract | अनुबंध करना | To make a legal agreement |
| They are all set to make a cor | | ļ — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — |
| Make a deal | सौदा करना | To negotiate an |
| | | arrangement |
| We need to make a deal for th | nis project. | , |
| Make a mess | गँड़बड़ करना | Create an untidy state |
| The kids made a mess in the l | | · - |
| Make a mistake | गलती करना | Literal meaning |
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| Anyone can make a mistake. | | |
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| Meet a deadline | समय पे कार्य पूरा करना | To finish work on time |
| Working under pressure to mee | t a deadline is beyond his | ability. |
| Meet (with) an accident | दुर्घटना होना | Literal meaning |
| The man is injured because he | met an accident. | |
| Miss an opportunity | अवसर गवाना | Lose a chance |
| He did not miss an opportunity | | |
| Organize a party | पार्टी का आयोजन | Literal meaning |
| | करना | |
| They organized a party in his he | onor. | ' |
| Pay a fine | जुर्माना भरना | Literal meaning |
| He will have to pay a fine of Rs | s. 1000 for not wearing se | atbelt while driving. |
| Pay attention | ध्यान देना | Literal meaning |
| Pay attention to the road signs. | ' | ' |
| Place an order | ऑर्डर देना | To order something. |
| I would like to place an order for | or 10 copies of this book. | ' |
| Save energy | ऊर्जा बचाना | Literal meaning |
| Everyone is being encouraged t | | |
| Save time | समय की बचत करना | Literal meaning |
| We will take a cab to save time | ; otherwise, we will not re | each on time. |
| Take a break | थोड़ा आराम करना | Relax |
| You have been working since n | norning, now I think you | need to take a break. |
| Take a lesson | सबक लेना | Literal meaning |
| I have taken a lesson from this | defeat. | · |
| Take a look | नज़र डालना | Glance |
| Let's take a look at the damage | • | • |
| Take a seat | बैठना | To sit down |
| Take a seat while I get you som | ething to drink. | • |
| Take action | कार्रवाई करना | To act against something |
| We will take action against tho | se who are late for school | • |
| Take a leave | छुट्टी लेना | Literal meaning |
| I'll need to take a leave from we | ork when the baby is born | , |

2.2.2 Structure-2: V + Adv

The collocational structure of V+Adv is relatively less used in comparison with the previous verbal collocation. In this structure, a verb is followed by an adverb. But, the possibility of replacing an adverb by another adverb in this structure is not wide open. Thus, such a collocation is close-ended.

| VERBAL COLLOCATIONS | HINDI GLOSS | EN | IGL | ISH GL | OSS | |
|--|--------------------------|-----|------------|--------|-----|-------|
| Abuse physically | शारिरीक कष्ट देना | То |) | injure | son | neone |
| | | int | entic | nally | | |
| He often abuses his servants physically as well as verbally. | | | | | | |
| Act Suspiciously | संदिग्ध रूप से कार्य करन | T | То | make | one | feel |
| | | | suspi | cious | | |

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| Police nabbed him as he wa Ask politely | नम्रता पूर्वक पूछना | To ask respectfully |
|--|---|------------------------------|
| She never asks anything po | | |
| Become increasingly | तेजी से बढ़ते हुए बनना | Grow faster |
| Now Corona has become in | | ' |
| Behave properly | ठीक से व्यवहार करना | To act in a proper manner |
| He will have to behave prearena. | operly if he wants to contin | ue his service in the acaden |
| Behave rudely | बदुतमीजी करना | To act in a rough manner |
| She always behaves rudely | with her parents. | • |
| Close gently | धीरे से बंद करना | To close something light |
| He closed the door gently. | ' | ' |
| Come regularly | नियमित रूप से आना | Literal meaning |
| He comes regularly to m | | · |
| Deliver daily | रोज देना | To give somethi |
| · · · · | 0.01 | regularly |
| He delivers newspaper d | | Litaral macrina |
| Divide equally | बराबर बॉटना | Literal meaning |
| The cake was divided equa | | T- 1 |
| Do deliberately | जानबूझकर करना | To do somethi |
| I did not do it deliberately, | it happened by accident | intentionally |
| Do properly | ठीक से करना | Literal meaning |
| He always does his work pr | 1 | 6 |
| Drive safely | ठीक से चलाना | Literal meaning |
| You need a clear head to be | | |
| Eat properly | ठीक से खाना | Literal meaning |
| | herwise your immunity will | go down. |
| Eat away | धीरे धीरे बर्बाद हो जाना | To erode gradually |
| The river bank had been ea | ten away over the years by the | he flood water. |
| Escape narrowly | बाल बाल बचना | To escape unhurt vo |
| He escaped the accident ve | | |
| Exercise regularly | नियमित व्यायाम करना | Literal meaning |
| It is important to exercise re | <u> </u> | |
| Fail Miserably | बुरी तरह से असफल होन | II. |
| · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · | e final interview, he failed m | |
| Fall dramatically | बुरी तरह से गिरना | To fall quickly |
| | en dramatically during coron | 1 |
| Fare well | अच्छा करना | Do well |
| She fared well in her exams | | |
| Go smoothly | ठीक से चलना | Move well |
| | | |
| After two months' lockdow Help cheerfully | m, now life is going smoothing in its light in its going smoothing in its light in | To help happily |

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| Inquire curiously | उत्सुकता से पूछना | Ask inquisitively |
| She inquired curiously abo | out the next announcement. | ' |
| Invest heavily | खुब निवेश करना | Make too much investment |
| After Corona, India has st | arted investing heavily in hea | lth sector. |
| Leave suddenly | अचानक चल देना | Literal meaning |
| He left the scene suddenly | · · | ' |
| Listen carefully | ध्यान से सुनना | To pay attention to something |
| You must all listen carefu | lly to the teacher. | ' |
| Live happily | ख़ुशी से रहना | Literal meaning |
| The couples are living hap | opily. | ' |
| Need badly | बहुत जरुरत होना | Need urgently |
| I need it badly. | | • |
| Pass easily | आसानी से पास हो जाना | Literal meaning |
| He has passed the test eas | ily. | ' |
| Place gently | धीरे से रखना | Put something carefully |
| She placed the beautifu | ı <mark>l jar</mark> g <mark>ently</mark> on the window | <u>ledge</u> . |
| Protest violently | हिंसक विरोध करना | Literal meaning |
| The crowd was protesting | violently against rising crime | es. |
| Pull steadily | स्थिरता से खींचना | Pull in a controlled way |
| He pulled steadily on th | e rope and helped her to s | afety. |
| Rain heavily | तेज़ बारिश होना | Literal meaning |
| It began to rain heavily in | the evening. | • |
| React angrily | गुस्से में जवाब देना | Literal meaning |
| The prime minister reacte | d angrily to claims that he had | l lied. |
| Realize suddenly | अचानक ऐहसास होना | To feel something suddenly |
| I realized suddenly that so | omeone was following me. | |
| Remember vaguely | थोड़ा याद रहना | To have dim remembrance |
| It has been more than 12 y | years, now I remember him ve | ery vaguely. |
| Shout loudly | ज़ोर से चिल्लाना | Literal meaning |
| If you shout loudly, you w | vill hear the echo in the valley | ·. |
| Solve easily | आसानी से हल करना | Literal meaning |
| He solved the puzzle easil | y. | |
| Speak clearly | ठीक से बोलना | Literal meaning |
| Speak clearly into the mic | | |
| Tease mercilessly | बुरी तरह से चिढ़ाना | Make fun of someone |
| | | unkindly |
| She started crying as he te | | |
| Think carefully | ध्यान से सोचना | Literal meaning |
| • | ry spending decision you mak | |
| Think clearly | अच्छे से सोचना | To think without any doubt |
| She was simply too tired t | | T |
| Think deeply | गहराई से सोचना | To think carefully or |
| T also and all leaves the second | us danulu hafari Tiriri J | seriously |
| I should have thought mor | re deepty before I agreed. | <u> </u> |

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| Think positively | सकारात्मक सोच रखना | To be optimistic |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|
| You should always think p | ositively. | ' |
| Think rationally | तर्कसंगतपूर्वक सोचना | Fair and logical thinking |
| We need to think rationally | y about social issues. | ' |
| Think seriously | गम्भीरतापूर्वक सोचना | Think carefully |
| I thought seriously about n | ny doctor's advice. | 1 |
| Touch softly | धीरे से छूना | Touch gently |
| He touched the baby very | softly. | ' |
| Whisper softly | धीरे से फुसफुसाना | To speak softly |
| He whispered in her ear | | ' |
| Win comfortably | आराम से जीतना | To win easily |
| India won the final match | comfortably. | • |
| Work hard/well | कठिन परिश्रम करना | Literal meaning |
| He has worked hard/well o | on this project. | • |

2.2.3 Structure-3: V + P

In the collocational structure of V+P, a verb is followed by a preposition compulsorily. In other words, the preposition used after the verb is idiosyncratic (specific) to that verb. For instance, to has to come necessarily after agree in the first collocation especially when we agree to something. The possibility of replacing a preposition by another preposition will not give intended meaning. Thus, the stated structural pattern is close-ended.

| सहमत होना | To accept something |
|---------------------|--|
| nent in schools. | ' |
| सहमत होना | To have the same opinion |
| | |
| n. | |
| उद्देश्य होना | To intend |
| ur English skill. | • |
| क्षमा माँगना | To regret for making |
| | mistakes |
| es. | |
| आवेदन करना | To make a formal request |
| plied for this job. | • |
| पहुँचना | Reach at destination |
| · · | • |
| के बारे में पूछना | To put the question |
| ory of the castle. | • |
| माँगना | To request |
| rom him. | • |
| से जुड़ना | Linked with |
| ng occupation. | • |
| इल्ज़ाम लगाना | Accuse |
| • | • |
| | nent in schools. सहमत होना n. उद्देश्य होना ur English skill. क्षमा माँगना es. आवेदन करना plied for this job. पहुँचना के बारे में पूछना ory of the castle. माँगना rom him. से जुड़ना ng occupation. |

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| Believe in | में विश्वास रखना | Trust |
| I don't believe in talking; I belie | | ı |
| Belong to | का होना | To be part of |
| They belong to the country club. | 1 | 1 - |
| Borrow from | से उधार लेना | To loan from somebody |
| She borrowed the sweater from S | ļ. | , |
| Bump into | सें टकरा जाना | To hit someone by mistake |
| Yesterday, I bumped into your d | ad in the supermarket. | |
| Care for | की देखभाल करना | To protect someone |
| I had a strong desire to help and | • | - |
| Compare with | से तुलना करना | To judge against something |
| These mountains don't compare | 1 3 | |
| Complain about (something) | के बारें में शिकायत | Literal meaning |
| | करना | |
| He always complains about bad | ļ | I |
| Comply with (rules) | अनुपालन करना | To obey an order, rule etc. |
| All the citizens must comply wit | , , | during Corona pandemic. |
| Confide in (somebody) | में विश्वास करना | To trust somebody |
| I do not confide in any of my clo | ļ | , |
| Consist of (something) | से बना होना | To be formed of something |
| The atmosphere consists of more | 1 | _ |
| Deal with | से निपटना | To do something about |
| He is a difficult man to deal with | 1 | - |
| Depend on | पर निर्भर करना | Literal meaning |
| Happiness does not depend on a | ny external condition. | ' |
| Differ from (something) | से भिन्न होना | Literal meaning |
| Our tastes differ from each other | • | ' |
| Discuss with | चर्चा करना | To talk about something |
| He discussed with me a lot about | t his property issues. | ' |
| Dream about | के बारें में सपना देखना | To fantasize about |
| | | something |
| I dream about being with you for | 6 | |
| Escape from | बच निकलना | To get away from a place |
| They managed to escape from the | | |
| Forget about | भूल जाना | Literal meaning |
| Don't forget about the party you | 1 | |
| Glance at | नज़र डालना | To give a quick short look |
| I only glanced at the first page of | | |
| Happen to | होना | Literal meaning |
| I cannot tolerate anything bad ha | | I |
| Hide from | से छुपाना | Literal meaning |
| She always tries to hide from her | | |
| Hint at | इशारा देना | To say or suggest indirectly |
| You hinted at that, but I could no | ot make out. | |
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| Insist on | जोऽ टाल्या | To say or demand firmly |
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| | ज़ोर डालना | 10 say of demand fiffilly |
| I <mark>insisted on</mark> paying for the Invite to | निमंत्रण देना | Literal meaning |
| | heir marriage anniversary pa | l |
| Laugh at | पे हँसना | Literal meaning |
| Don't laugh at others. | 4 6(1.11 | Diteral meaning |
| Listen to | सुनना | Literal meaning |
| We should <mark>listen to</mark> our eld | , | Literal meaning |
| Look at | को देखना | Literal meaning |
| Look at the picture. | ्या ५खना | Diteral meaning |
| Object to | असहमत होना | To differ |
| · · | । अस्रहमरा हाना | 10 differ |
| I object to your opinion. Participate in | में भाग लेना | Literal meaning |
| - | Į. | Literal meaning |
| You should <mark>participate in t</mark> Pay for | | To give money for |
| 1 ay 101 | भुगतान करना | To give money for something |
| You will have to pay for the | he excess luggage | something |
| Point at | पे इशारा करना | To indicate |
| I pointed at him, but he fai | | 10 marcute |
| Protect from | से बचाना | Literal meaning |
| | otected from cold wind and f | ļ |
| Protest about | का विरोध करना | To have objection |
| Now Indians protest about | • | To have objection |
| React to | प्रतिक्रिया व्यक्त करन | To respond |
| | ing to react to the news of los | |
| Recover from | से ठीक होना | To get well |
| She is recovering from the | | To get wen |
| Refer to | का उल्लेख करना | To mentio |
| NCICI to | प्रा उत्सब प्रस्ता | some(body/thing) |
| She referred to the last star | nza of her poem while speak | |
| Reply to | का जवाब देना | To answer |
| He made no <mark>reply to</mark> my re | · • | ı |
| Rescue from | से बचाना | To save from danger |
| He rescued her from the b | II. | ı |
| Resign from | से इस्तीफा देना | To leave your job or |
| | 11 2 11 11 11 | position |
| I will now resign from my | position as secretary. | . 1 |
| Result in | में परिणित होना | To cause to happen |
| I hope that this documenta | ry evidence will result in the | e police finding your car. |
| Revolt against | के खिलाफ विद्रोह कर | |
| Children always revolt aga | · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · | 1 |
| Search for | खोजना | Literal meaning |
| | ng for the black box of the c | l G |
| Separate from | से अलग करना | Literal meaning |
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| Specialize in | का विशेषज्ञ होना | A special line of study | |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|--|
| I specialize in tropical medi | cine. | · | |
| Succeed in | में सफल होना | Manage to achieve your | |
| | | aim | |
| Shimpson succeeded in gett | ing a new job. | | |
| Think about | के बारे में सोचना | Literal meaning | |
| He not only thinks about his | s responsibilities but also m | akes everyone responsible. | |
| Vote for | को मतदान देना | To elect somebody | |
| India voted for Mr. Modi fo | r the second term. | • | |
| Wait for | इंतज़ार करना | Literal meaning | |
| I am waiting for you for the | past three hours. | • | |
| Work on | पे काम करना | To do something specific | |
| She is working on the new p | project. | • | |
| Worry about | के बारें चिंता करना Literal meaning | | |
| He told his parents not to w | orry about him. | • | |

3. CONCLUSION

To sum up, the study enlists highly communicative verbal collocations based on three possible structures. This study is significant for the reason that the purpose of learning a language is not to know merely the meaning of words; but also to know the usage of a word with another word(s) meaningfully in daily conversation (Jha, 2020-2). Irrespective of the fact that new lexical items are added in the lexicon on regular basis because of advancement in science, technology, and several other fields of life, it is remarkable that collocational phrases remain relatively static in number for a longer period of time. Thus, learning words in the form of collocations is more advisable than learning them in isolation.

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