

Colligation Choices Answer Key

1. C) on → *insist on*
2. B) on → *concentrate on*
3. D) to → *apologize to* (but note: *apologize for* + reason, *apologize to* + person)
4. A) in → *succeed in*
5. C) to → *pay attention to*
6. A) about → *complain about*
7. A) on → *rely on*
8. C) - → *discuss something* (no preposition needed)
9. B) of → *capable of*
10. D) - → *broke her promise*

Teacher Notes

- **Colligation focus:** This exercise highlights how verbs “demand” specific prepositions (e.g., *succeed in*, *complain about*) or sometimes no preposition at all (*discuss something*, *broke a promise*).
- **Common learner pitfalls:** Overusing “about” or “to” (e.g., *discuss about*, *depend in*).
- **Teaching tip:** After checking answers, have students read each corrected sentence aloud, then create one new sentence using the same colligation.
- **Extension:** Turn this into a “class quiz show” where students work in teams to answer questions for points.