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Colligation Builders Answer Key

Sample Expanded Sentences (answers may vary, but must follow correct colligation)

1. She insisted **on going to the party** even though she was tired.
2. He needs to focus **on his studies** if he wants to pass.
3. I must apologize **for being late** to the meeting.
4. They succeeded **in solving the problem** after many attempts.
5. You should take **responsibility** for your own actions.
6. She is capable **of finishing the task** on time.
7. The neighbors complained **about the noise** last night.
8. Please pay **attention to the instructions** carefully.
9. I can always rely **on my friends** for support.
10. We have to make **a decision** before tomorrow.

Teacher Notes

- **Purpose:** Sentence expansion reinforces how colligations work in authentic contexts, showing students how to grow a fragment (*insist / going / party*) into a grammatical sentence (*insist on going to the party*).
- **Flexibility:** Accept varied subjects or time frames, as long as the colligation pattern is correct (*insist on + gerund, rely on + noun, etc.*).
- **Extension idea:** For advanced learners, ask them to write two different sentences from the same prompt to show versatility (e.g., *take responsibility for...* vs. *He refused to take responsibility when...*).
- **Classroom tip:** Collect common incorrect expansions and review them as a group to highlight frequent learner errors.