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Colligate & Complete Answer Key

1. **give** a speech
2. **give** me a hand
3. **do** their homework
4. **make** a decision
5. **keep** their promise
6. **hold** a meeting
7. **pay** attention
8. **break** the rules
9. **make** his bed
10. **take** a chance

Unused word: *do* (extra to encourage critical thinking, though it is a common collocate in other contexts).

Challenge (Sample answer)

- make a decision
- take responsibility

Sample Teacher Notes

- **Colligation vs. Collocation:** While collocations are word-pairings based on habit (like “make a mistake”), colligation emphasizes the *grammatical environment* in which words appear (e.g., “depend on + noun/gerund”). This activity blends both, guiding students to see natural partnerships between words and structures.
- Encourage students to notice patterns: *verbs + nouns*, *verbs + abstract objects* (decision, promise, attention).
- Extension: Have students write short dialogues using at least 3 of these pairs in context.