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Better Colligations Answer Key

Corrected Sentences

1. She is concentrating **on** her studies for the final exams.
2. He insisted **on** going to the party even though he was tired.
3. We discussed the new project in detail. *(no "about" needed)*
4. The child is capable **of** solving the puzzle.
5. I need to provide more information for the report. *(no "with")*
6. They succeeded **in** winning the championship.
7. He took **his promise** seriously.
8. I apologize **for** the mistake I made.
9. She relies **on** her older sister for support.
10. We complained **about** the poor service at the restaurant.

Teacher Notes

- **Purpose:** This activity develops awareness of how verbs "choose" specific prepositions or noun structures, helping learners move from awkward phrasing to natural English.
- **Patterns to highlight:**
 - *Verb + preposition* (concentrate on, insist on, rely on, succeed in).
 - *Verb + object without extra preposition* (discuss something, provide information).
 - *Verb + noun phrase* (take a promise, keep a promise).
- **Tip for practice:** Ask students to underline the verb and circle the preposition/noun in their corrected versions.
- **Extension:** Challenge advanced students to create their own "awkward" sentences and swap with classmates to correct.