

Business English Collocations

B1/B2



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I. Fill in the blanks with the correct word from each box. Use each word only once.

innovation issue breakthrough obstacle bottlenecks

1. The manager called a meeting to raise a(n) _____ about staff burnout before it became a serious problem.
2. The tech company hopes its new platform will drive _____ and change the way people use online banking.
3. With persistence and teamwork, the company was able to overcome this _____ and deliver the product on time.
4. We need to fix the _____ in our process so work can move faster.
5. After several failed attempts, the researchers finally managed to make a(n) _____ that could improve cancer treatment.

shortcut expectations advantage concerns setback

6. Thanks to early investment in AI, they were able to gain a(n) _____ over competitors in the market.
7. The new app offers a(n) _____ to open files quickly.
8. The new product exceeded everyone's _____ and became the best-seller of the year.
9. The project faced a(n) _____ when a key partner pulled out at the last minute.
10. The project team worked hard to address _____ about workload and priorities that often caused miscommunication and frustration between colleagues.

II. Discuss the questions below with a partner or in small groups. Try to use the collocations from the list in your answers.

1. Can you think of a moment when you or your team made a breakthrough? What was it?
2. In your job or studies, what gives you an advantage over others?
3. Tell me about a time when you faced a setback. How did you handle it?
4. What kinds of concerns do employees often raise in your workplace?
5. What can companies do to drive innovation in today's business world?



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1. issue
2. innovation
3. obstacle
4. bottlenecks
5. breakthrough
6. advantage
7. shortcut
8. expectations
9. setback
10. concerns

Thank you for learning with us!

