

Academic writing – collocations:

Here are some useful collocations used in academic writing:

Give an account of	Perfect example
Defend strenuously	Clear illustration
Set out powerful arguments	Powerful/mighty arguments
Play a central role	Strong tendency
Challenge a theory	
Go into detail	
Make a significant contribution	Make reference to
Provide evidence	Raise questions
Support a claim	Lay emphasis on
Establish a connection	Take into consideration
Carry out a study/research	Draw attention to
Gather evidence	Make a comparison
Support evidence	Touch on an issue
Play a part in	Draw a conclusion
Propose a theory, /put forward a theory/	Disagree profoundly
Acknowledge the sources	Fall into several categories
Key factors	

TASK:

I. Match the parts of collocations on the left (column A) with their endings on the right (column B):

A	B
Set out	several categories
Establish	a connection
Carry out	questions
Acknowledge	the sources
Raise	consideration
Fall into	powerful arguments
Take into	a study /research

II. Find expressions going together with the following words:

Make Draw Play Theory Evidence

II. Choose the correct collocation:

His paper makes a *significant/ phenomenal* contribution to the field.

He *sets /puts* out some *hard/powerful* arguments.

She defends *faithfully/strenuously* her theory.

The Prime Minister played a *centralized/central* role in the political crisis in 1811.

The author goes into *strong/great* detail to support her argument.

In her latest book she gives an *account/report* of Karl Marx's philosophy and *yields/provides* evidence to *facilitate/support* the claim that Garpov seriously misinterpreted Marx.

He *draws/pulls* attention to new research.

The book *raises/rises* some key questions.