



**POST-READING FOCUS ON LANGUAGE:** Finding suitable collocates and reviewing prepositions. The article you have just read contains a series of interesting idiomatic word associations and prepositional phrases.

Find collocates to match each of the items listed below. When you have finished, make use of concordancers and other lexical tools which you are currently using to add one or more collocates to the list.

1. .... linguistic environment
2. To conduct a .....
3. Widely .....
4. Research has ..... shown that .....
5. Compelling .....
6. Overt .....
7. To conjure .....
8. To access
9. To ..... a mechanism
10. A regulatory .....
11. To navigate .....
12. To impart .....
13. To stave off .....

Now supply the missing prepositions:

1. Over the past few decades, technological advances have allowed researchers to peer deeply ..... the brain to investigate how bilingualism interacts ..... and changes the cognitive and neurological systems.
2. Dealing ..... this persistent linguistic competition can result ..... language difficulties.
3. If a bilingual person frequently switches ..... languages when speaking, it can confuse the listener.
4. To maintain the balance between two languages, the bilingual brain relies ..... executive functions.
5. Bilingual people often perform better than monolingual people ..... tasks that tap ..... inhibitory control ability.
6. When bilinguals have to switch ..... categorizing objects ..... colour ..... categorizing them by shape, they can do it faster than monolingual people.
7. The bilingual language-learning advantage may be rooted ..... the ability to focus ..... information about the new language.