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## KEY TERMS

### Collocation

Words that are regularly used together

## WHAT EVIDENCE IS SUMMARISED?

17 studies

## WHAT DOES IT FIND?

- Explicit collocation instruction is more effective than implicit collocation instruction.
- Explicit instruction gives learners more awareness of the rules associated with collocations.
- Implicit instruction does not necessarily direct learners toward learning collocation rules unless learners have prior meta-linguistic knowledge.
- Massed/intensive instruction and spaced/distributed instruction seem to produce similar results in learners' collocation competence.

## WHAT CAN I LEARN FROM THIS SECONDARY RESEARCH?

- Which L2 collocation instructional approach is more effective/

## HOW CAN I USE THE FINDINGS IN MY TEACHING?

- Teachers should implement the teaching of collocations in their classes.
- Teachers should be aware of the intensity and length of teaching L2 collocations.
- Teachers should be aware of different techniques to teach collocations.
- Using one technique might not be as effective as using several techniques in their teaching.

