

# Natural Word Pairs in English

## Practice Worksheet

### Part 1: Match the Pairs

Match each adjective with its most natural noun partner:

Adjectives:

1. heavy \_\_\_\_
2. soft \_\_\_\_
3. busy \_\_\_\_
4. fresh \_\_\_\_
5. wild \_\_\_\_
6. deep \_\_\_\_
7. thick \_\_\_\_
8. bright \_\_\_\_

Nouns:

a) streets b) animals c) rain d) fog e) lake f) sunshine g) sand h) air

## Part 2: Choose the Natural Pair

Circle the more natural-sounding combination:

1. a) strong rain b) heavy rain
2. a) soft sand b) smooth sand
3. a) high traffic b) heavy traffic
4. a) clean air b) fresh air
5. a) black clouds b) dark clouds
6. a) quiet area b) silent area
7. a) steep hill b) high hill
8. a) deep forest b) thick forest

## Part 3: Sentence Structure

Rewrite these sentences using the more natural adjective + noun structure:

1. The streets are busy today.

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2. The waves are gentle this morning.

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3. The breeze is salty near the ocean.

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4. The neighborhood is quiet at night.

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## Part 4: Find the Mistake

Each sentence has an unnatural word pair. Correct it:

1. The smooth sand felt nice under our feet.

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2. We walked through the turning path in the forest.

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3. The high traffic made us late.

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4. I love the clean air in the mountains.

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## Part 5: Create Natural Descriptions

Write three natural descriptions for each location using adjective + noun pairs:

The Beach:

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

The City:

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

## Part 6: Complete the Story

Fill in the blanks with appropriate adjectives that naturally pair with the nouns:

Yesterday, I went for a walk in the city. The \_\_\_\_\_ streets were full of people enjoying the \_\_\_\_\_ sunshine. I decided to escape to the park, where \_\_\_\_\_ trees provided shade from the heat. Near the lake, a \_\_\_\_\_ breeze made the weather more comfortable. I sat on a bench and watched as \_\_\_\_\_ clouds drifted across the sky.

## Answer Key

### Part 1:

1. c (heavy rain)
2. g (soft sand)
3. a (busy streets)
4. h (fresh air)
5. b (wild animals)
6. e (deep lake)
7. d (thick fog)
8. f (bright sunshine)

### Part 2:

1. b
2. a
3. b
4. b
5. b
6. a
7. a
8. b

[Additional answers will depend on student responses]