

collocations: adjective + noun

1 Study the adjectives in 1–6 and decide which of these nouns can form collocations with all five of them.

love hatred excitement hope instinct emotion(s)

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| <p>1 strong<br/>deep<br/>powerful .....<br/>raw<br/>pent-up</p> <p>2 human<br/>natural<br/>gut .....<br/>basic<br/>maternal</p> <p>3 true<br/>young<br/>everlasting .....<br/>first<br/>unrequited</p> | <p>4 faint<br/>vain<br/>desperate .....<br/>slight<br/>only</p> <p>5 growing<br/>great<br/>considerable .....<br/>mounting<br/>tremendous</p> <p>6 bitter<br/>pure<br/>absolute .....<br/>blind<br/>intense</p> |
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2 Complete 1–7 with an adjective + noun collocation from 1. More than one adjective may be possible.

- 1 Jealousy is a(n) ..... that can make people do terrible things.
- 2 At the end of the trial all her ..... came out as she broke down in tears.
- 3 The week before she was going to marry Joe, Sergio told Pam of his ..... for her.
- 4 Although the climber has been missing for a week, there is still a ..... that he might be alive.
- 5 There was ..... as first Lazio scored, then Barcelona, and then Lazio again.
- 6 It is one of man's most ..... to protect his offspring.
- 7 When Sylvia saw her ex-boyfriend laughing at her, she gave him a look of .....

3 Use some of the collocations from 1 to describe what is happening and the background to this event.

