COLLOCATIONS

ΑT

At breakfast /lunch/dinner/table
At home
At school
At church
At war
At peace
At work at play
At length=at last, thoroughly
At last
At will=as one wishes
At a profit
At a loss
At any rate=anyhow
At the same time
At times
At first sight
At a glance
At hand= near in time or place
At km per hour
At short notice
At once
At least

At present

At risk

At random

At first

At a pinch=if necessary

At all costs

At heart=in reality

At best

At worst

At rest=not moving, dead

At ease=without worry or nervousness

At all events=anyhow, in any case, in spite of everything

EXERCISE

Use the correct collocation:

I am <u>unable</u> to explain where all the money has gone.
AT A LOSS

- 2. She is only twenty-five . Anyhow, that is what she says.AT ALL EVENTS
 - 3. Most people find it difficult to read and listen to the radio simultaneously. **AT THE SAME TIME**
 - 4. <u>Sometimes</u> I think he is not quite right in his head. **AT TIMES**
 - 5. He had been waiting for half an hour when, <u>finally</u>, she arrived. **AT LAST**
 - We must recover the stolen goods <u>whatever it may cost us.</u>AT ALL COSTS
 - 7. I suppose we could arrive by six o`clock with difficulty, <u>if you</u> want us to. **AT A PINCH**
 - 8. It is wise to have a doctor <u>nearby</u> in case of emergency. **AT HAND**

- Most people do not like being disturbed <u>while they are</u> <u>working.</u> AT WORK
 - 10.What a noise the children make while they are playing! **AT PLAY**
 - 11.He is not really such a bad fellow basically .AT HEART
 - 12. You must act <u>immediately</u> if you are to save his life. **AT ONCE**