

COLLOCATIONS

BY

By air/bus/car/plane/sea/ship/train

By accident

By chance

By cheque

By day

By night

By far . **By far** is only used with superlatives to intensify the meaning.

By heart

By all means= certainly

By means of= using

By mistake

By name

By sight

By post

By surprise

By myself/yourself...

By design=intentionally

By good fortune

By luck

By degrees= gradually

By rights= really

By the way

By no means= not at all

EXERCISE

Write the suitable collocation

1. Oh dear! I've left my books behind unintentionally. **BY MISTAKE**
2. A bat is one of those animals that sleep during the day and fly during the night. **BY DAY / BY NIGHT**
3. That knob was put in the machine intentionally so that you could switch it off in an emergency. **BY DESIGN**
4. I am sure you cannot possibly carry all that alone. Let me help you. **BY YOURSELF**
5. The Jones are much the richest people in this town. **BY FAR**
6. This letter is not mine. It got delivered here in error. **BY MISTAKE**
7. The injured child was learning to walk again gradually. **BY DEGREES**
8. Of course, everybody knows Mr Jones to look at, but I think very few have ever spoken to him. **BY SIGHT**
9. Certainly, borrow my car if you want to. **BY ALL MEANS**