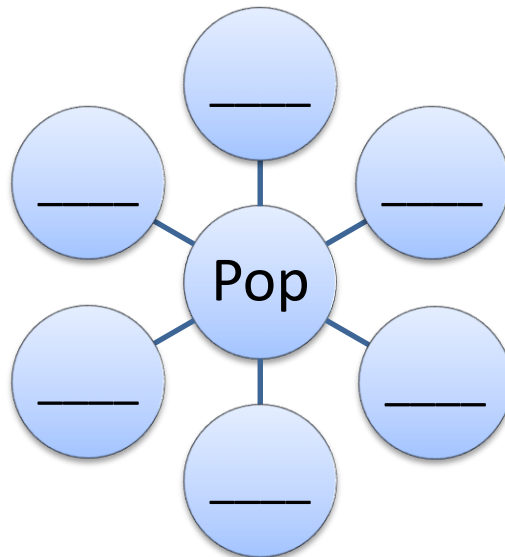


Collocations

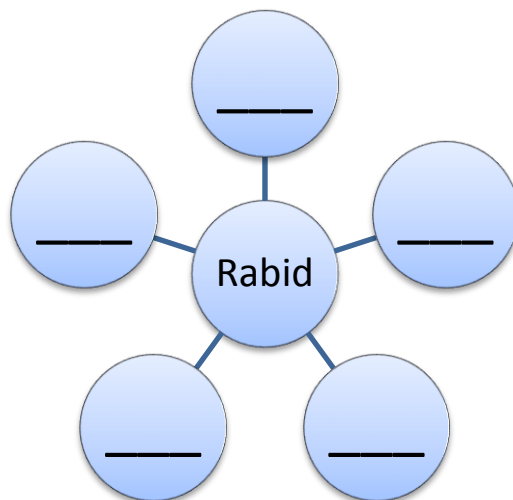
A collocation is when words naturally go together.

1. Can you think of 6 different collocations with pop?



2. Now check the text to see if your collocations were the same as the writers
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3. Which words have they collocated with 'rabid' in the text?



Reading

Read the first page of the article.

1. What point is the writer highlighting?
2. What does the writer say this point highlights about our society, do you think they have a valid point?

Now look at the 8 different words.

3. Which words changes surprised you the most?
4. Which change did you find most interesting or confusing?
5. Can you think of the male forms of these words?

Now look at the final page.

6. What words were put forward as the male equivalents of these words?

Reflection

In pairs, discuss these questions:

7. Do you think the changes that happened to these words proves the language is sexist?
8. What do you think about the choice Oxford English Dictionary regarding the collocation with rabid?
9. Can you think of any times that your language might be considered sexist?
10. Do you think this is a problem?

Vocabulary

Try to work out the meaning of these words from the context, they are underlined in the text to help you, then match them with the synonyms a-f

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| 1. mental rolodex will begin whirring | a. to put down / criticise |
| 2. allegations | b. shows |
| 3. reflects | c. experience |
| 4. as the medium through which | d. as the way |
| 5. denigrate | e. brain starts thinking |
| 6. undergo | f. claim that someone has done something wrong |