

C2 Language Practice | Binomials

Web-based Task

I. Match the binomials below with the sentences where they go.

A touch and go

B short and sweet

C shock and awe

D hard and fast

E hit and miss

F fits and starts

G high and dry

H chop and change

- The political system reform in this country has started and stopped several times in the past 20 years.
- The Russian army had a clear tactic: quick use of brutal force. However, it simply did not work.
- The director hates long pitches, so keep yours concise and complete and she will buy it.
- The bus system in this city is disorganized and unreliable. We are always late.
- It was a difficult decision to leave the battalion behind and unaided, but there was nothing else the captain could do.
- I will not ask Paul to choose where to go on our holidays. He changes his mind so much that it will take forever.
- It's doubtful whether Helen will have the guts to face the situation.
- Don't worry about the day to visit this client. At the moment, there is no fixed timetable for visits.

Answer Key

- F (The political system reform in this country has been moving in **fits and starts** in the past 20 years.)
- C (The Russian army had a clear tactic: **shock and awe**. However, it simply did not work.)
- B (The director hates long pitches, so keep yours **short and sweet** and she will buy it.)
- E (4. The bus system in this city is **hit and miss** / **a hit-and-miss affair**. We are always late.)
- G (It was a difficult decision to leave the battalion **high and dry**, but there was nothing else the captain could do.)
- H (I will not ask Paul to choose where to go on our holidays. He **chops and changes** so much that it will take forever.)
- A (It's **touch and go** whether Helen will have the guts to face the situation.)
- D (8. Don't worry about the day to visit this client. Right now, there is no **hard and fast** timetable for visits.)