

What things DO

- 200 Vivid Verb + Noun Collocations



We're dealing with **descriptive verb + noun collocations** where the verb can't be replaced by a generic "do/make/be/go" type verb. These are tricky for Finnish learners **since they must usually be memorized as chunks**. Here are short sample sentences and Finnish translations of the verbs in parentheses:

Nature & Weather

1. Smoke **billows** from the chimney. (kohota, tupruta)
 2. Clouds **loom** on the horizon. (häämöttää, siintää uhkaavasti)
 3. Thunder **rumbles** in the distance. (jyristä)
 4. The river **swells** after heavy rain. (paisua)
 5. Leaves **rustle** in the wind. (kahista, havista)
 6. The waves **crash** against the rocks. (rymistää, iskeytyä)
 7. Snow **blankets** the fields. (peittää)
 8. The sun **blazes** overhead. (paistaa, porottaa)
 9. Lightning **flashes** across the sky. (leimahtaa)
 10. The storm **abates** by morning. (laantua)
 11. The waterfall **cascades** down the rocks. (kohista, virrata)
 12. Icebergs **drift** slowly at sea. (ajautua)
 13. The desert **stretches** for miles. (ulottua)
 14. The forest **teems** with wildlife. (vilistä, kuhista)
 15. Flowers **wilt** in the heat. (nuukahtaa)
 16. Trees **shed** their leaves in autumn. (karistaa)
 17. Mountains **tower** above the valley. (kohota korkeuksiin)
 18. The tide **ebbs** at sunset. (vetäytyä)
 19. The stars **twinkle** brightly. (tuikkia)
 20. The river **meanders** through the fields. (kiemurrella)
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Water & Weather Effects

21. Rain **pours** down suddenly. (sataa kaatamalla)
22. Waves **pound** the shore. (jyskyttää, hakata)
23. Fog **envelops** the city. (kietoa, peittää)
24. The wind **gusts** strongly. (puuskahtaa)
25. The lake **freezes** over in winter. (jäätää)
26. Snowflakes **drift** to the ground. (leijaila)
27. Hailstones **pelt** the roof. (ryöpyttää, hakata)
28. The storm **ravages** the coastline. (raivota, tuhota)
29. Frost **glitters** on the grass. (kimaltaa)
30. The rainbow **arches** across the sky. (kaartua)



Sounds in Nature & Things

31. Bells **chime** at noon. (kumista, soida)
32. The floorboards **groan** under the weight. (narahtaa, valittaa)
33. Owls **hoot** at night. (huhuilla, huhuta)
34. Dogs **snarl** at strangers. (murista)
35. Birds **chirp** in the morning. (visertää, sirkuttaa)
36. The crowd **chants** the team's name. (hurrata, huutaa rytmikkäästi)
37. Phones **buzz** nonstop. (pöristä, surista)
38. The wind **howls** through the trees. (ulvoa)
39. A baby **wails** for attention. (itkeä, parkua)
40. The kettle **whistles** when ready. (viheltää)
41. Bees **buzz** around the hive. (pöristä)
42. Crickets **chirp** at night. (sirittää)
43. Wolves **howl** at the moon. (ulvoa)
44. Cats **purr** softly. (kehrätä)
45. A brook **babbles** merrily. (solista, lorista)
46. A lion **roars** in the distance. (karjua)
47. A horse **neighs** loudly. (hinnua)
48. The branches **creak** under the snow. (narahtaa)
49. Fireworks **bang** in the sky. (paukhdella)
50. The drums **thunder** in the hall. (jylistä)



Objects & Movement

51. The door **creaks** open slowly. (narahtaa)
52. Glass **shatters** into tiny pieces. (särkyä, pirstoutua)
53. Coins **clatter** onto the floor. (kalista, kilistä)
54. Curtains **sway** in the draft. (heilua, huoju(a))
55. A ball **ricochets** off the wall. (kimpoaa)
56. The car **skids** on the ice. (liirata)
57. The balloon **bursts** suddenly. (puhjeta)
58. The candle **flickers** in the dark. (lepatt(a)a)
59. The train **whistles** as it arrives. (viheltää)
60. The plane **soars** into the sky. (kohota, liittää)



People – Body Language

61. She **beams** with joy. (säteillä)
62. He **trembles** with fear. (väristä, vapista)
63. They **linger** at the door. (viipyä)
64. He **fumbles** with the keys. (sählätä, haparoida)
65. She **murmurs** a reply. (mutista, mumista)
66. The child **nods** off in class. (torkahtaa)
67. He **paces** the room nervously. (astella edestakaisin)
68. She **gazes** at the stars. (tuijottaa, katsella)
69. He **grins** at the joke. (virnistää)
70. The baby **clutches** her mother's hand. (puristaa, tarrautua)
71. She **strides** into the room. (astella määrätietoisesti)
72. He **slumps** in his chair. (lysähtää)
73. They **tiptoe** past the baby. (hiipiä varpaillaan)
74. He **hunches** over the desk. (kumartua)
75. She **gestures** toward the door. (elehtiä, viittoa)
76. He **stretches** after a nap. (venytellä)
77. She **shrugs** at the question. (kohauttaa olkapäitään)
78. He **clenches** his fists in anger. (puristaa)
79. She **slaps** the table. (läimäyttää)
80. They **shuffle** their feet. (laahustaa)

People – Expressions & Voices

81. The crowd **erupts** in applause. (puhjeta, räjähtää)
82. She **blushes** with embarrassment. (punastua)
83. He **scowls** at the mistake. (mulkaista, kurtistaa kulmia)
84. They **shriek** with laughter. (kiljua)
85. She **sighs** with relief. (huokaista)
86. He **stammers** an excuse. (änkyttää)
87. The audience **roars** with laughter. (karjua, nauraa kovaa)
88. She **winces** in pain. (irvistää kivusta)
89. He **yawns** loudly. (haukotella)
90. They **gasp** in surprise. (haukoa henkeään)
91. She **giggles** nervously. (hihittää)
92. He **scoffs** at the idea. (ivailla)
93. They **chant** slogans. (huutaa rytmikkäästi)
94. She **mumbles** to herself. (mutista)
95. He **barks** an order. (karjua, ärähtää)
96. They **jeer** at the speaker. (pilkata, buuata)
97. She **whispers** a secret. (kuiskata)
98. He **bellows** in rage. (mölytä)
99. She **exclaims** in delight. (huudahtaa)
100. They **applaud** the performance. (taputtaa)

Emotions & Reactions

101. Panic **grips** the crowd. (ottaa valtaansa)
 102. Doubt **creeps** in. (hiipiä)
 103. Anger **flares** up. (leimahtaa)
 104. Sadness **overwhelms** her. (vallata)
 105. Jealousy **consumes** him. (kuluttaa)
 106. Guilt **haunts** the guilty. (piinata)
 107. Courage **falters** at the last moment. (horjua)
 108. Inspiration **strikes** suddenly. (iskeä)
 109. Fear **paralyzes** him. (lamauttaa)
 110. Hope **revives** slowly. (elpyä)
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Abstract Phenomena

- 111. Rumours **circulate** quickly. (kiertää)
- 112. An idea **dawns** on him. (valjeta, kirkastua mielessä)
- 113. The project **falters** at the start. (horjua, kompastua)
- 114. Tension **mounts** in the room. (kasvaa, kiristyy)
- 115. The crisis **escalates** rapidly. (laajeta, kiihtyä)
- 116. The scandal **erupts** in the media. (puhjeta, räjähtää)
- 117. Hope **fades** over time. (hiipua)
- 118. The company **collapses** overnight. (romahtaa)
- 119. Prices **plummet** suddenly. (romahtaa, syöksyä alas)
- 120. A trend **catches on** fast. (levitä, tulla suosituksi)
- 121. A solution **emerges** after debate. (ilmaantua)
- 122. Doubts **linger** in her mind. (viipyä, jäädä)
- 123. The truth **unfolds** gradually. (paljastua)
- 124. A plan **takes shape** quickly. (hahmottua)
- 125. His memory **fails** him. (pettää)
- 126. Curiosity **drives** discovery. (ajaa, motivoida)
- 127. Knowledge **spreads** rapidly. (levitä)
- 128. Ideas **collide** in discussion. (törmätä yhteen)
- 129. New opportunities **arise** every year. (nousta, ilmaantua)
- 130. Confidence **wavers** before the exam. (horjua)



Society & Life

- 131. A movement **gains** momentum. (saada)
- 132. The protest **erupts** downtown. (puhjeta, räjähtää)
- 133. Borders **shift** after the war. (siirtyä, muuttua)
- 134. The nation **unites** in grief. (yhdistyä)
- 135. Inequality **persists** in many areas. (jatkua, pysyä)
- 136. Violence **breaks out** unexpectedly. (puhjeta)
- 137. Traditions **endure** for centuries. (kestää, säilyä)
- 138. Cultures **blend** over time. (sekoittua)
- 139. The population **soars** in the city. (kohota, nousta jyrkästi)
- 140. The economy **stagnates** in recession. (junnata paikoillaan)
- 141. A scandal **erupts** in politics. (puhjeta)
- 142. A festival **attracts** thousands. (vetää puoleensa)
- 143. The ceremony **commences** at noon. (alkaa)
- 144. The tradition **fades** over time. (hiipua)
- 145. The war **rages** for years. (raivota)
- 146. A revolution **topples** the regime. (kaataa)
- 147. Trade **flourishes** between nations. (kukoistaa)
- 148. The city **expands** rapidly. (laajentua)
- 149. Crime **spikes** in summer. (nousta äkkiä)
- 150. The protest **subsides** peacefully. (laantua)



Work & Business

- 151. The company **thrives** in the market. (menestyä)
 - 152. Profits **soar** to record levels. (kohota)
 - 153. Costs **skyrocket** overnight. (ampaa ylös)
 - 154. Sales **slump** in winter. (romahtaa)
 - 155. Negotiations **collapse** suddenly. (romahtaa)
 - 156. The deal **falls through** at the last minute. (kaatua)
 - 157. The team **cooperates** smoothly. (tehdä yhteistyötä)
 - 158. The manager **delegates** tasks. (jakaa tehtäviä)
 - 159. The project **overruns** the budget. (ylittää)
 - 160. The factory **produces** goods daily. (valmistaa)
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⚙ Machines & Technology

- 161. The engine **hums** quietly. (surista)
 - 162. The machine **grinds** to a halt. (jyristä, pysähtyä)
 - 163. The computer **crashes** suddenly. (kaatua)
 - 164. The printer **jams** again. (jumittua)
 - 165. The robot **malfunctions** mid-task. (mennä epäkuntoon)
 - 166. The lights **flicker** on and off. (välkkyä, vilkkua)
 - 167. The phone **vibrates** on the table. (väristä, täristä)
 - 168. The alarm **blares** at 7 a.m. (pauhata, ulvoa)
 - 169. The camera **zooms** in on the face. (zoomailla, suurentaa)
 - 170. The app **freezes** without warning. (jäätyä)
 - 171. Engines **stall** in the cold. (sammua)
 - 172. Gears **click** into place. (napsahtaa)
 - 173. Wheels **spin** rapidly. (pyöriä)
 - 174. The motor **rattles** loudly. (rämistä)
 - 175. The phone **rings** shrilly. (soida)
 - 176. The lights **dim** slowly. (himmetä)
 - 177. The speaker **blasts** music. (jyristä, soida kovaa)
 - 178. The computer **boots up** quickly. (käynnistyä)
 - 179. The screen **glows** in the dark. (hehkua)
 - 180. The drone **hovers** above the field. (leijua)
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Time & Change

- 181. Time **flies** when you're busy. (kulua nopeasti)
- 182. The century **dawns** with new hopes. (alkaa)
- 183. The era **ends** with a tragedy. (päätyä)
- 184. History **repeats** itself. (toistua)
- 185. Generations **succeed** one another. (seurata toisiaan)
- 186. The fashion **returns** after decades. (palata)
- 187. Seasons **alternate** every year. (vaihdella)
- 188. The past **lingers** in memory. (viipyä)
- 189. Old habits **die** hard. (kuolla, kadota)
- 190. The future **beckons** us forward. (kutsua, houkutella)

Energy & Force

- 191. Flames **leap** into the air. (loimuta, kohota)
- 192. Water **gushes** from the pipe. (ryöppyää)
- 193. The volcano **erupts** suddenly. (purkautua)
- 194. Sparks **fly** from the fire. (sinkoutua)
- 195. The car **explodes** into flames. (räjähtää)
- 196. Lava **pours** down the mountain. (virrata)
- 197. The engine **roars** to life. (käynnistyä jyllinällä)
- 198. Bullets **whiz** past his head. (viuhua)
- 199. The dam **bursts** under pressure. (murtua)
- 200. The wind **lashes** against the windows. (piiskata)



A bullet whizzing