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Preface

This new edition of the Oxford Collocations Dictionary has been completely revised and updated using the Oxford English Corpus, a database of almost two billion words of text in English taken from up-to-date sources from around the world. This has ensured that the information we have about word behaviour is as accurate as possible, and that the evidence upon which the work is based is as full and reliable as possible. In particular, it has allowed us to include information about American English on an equal footing with British English.

I would like to thank the editors, designers and technical specialists who worked on the current and previous editions. I would also like to thank my former colleagues Sally Wehmeier and Judith Willis for their advice and support in bringing this new edition to fruition. Thanks are also due to all colleagues, teachers and students who have given feedback on the previous edition and on sample material for the current one.

We hope that the many students and teachers who already know and love the *Collocations Dictionary* will enjoy exploring the wealth of new information it contains, and that new users will come to appreciate what a valuable and unique learning resource it is.

Colin McIntosh