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# ENGLISH COLLOCATIONS IN USE

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together for fluent  
and natural English

For self-study and  
classroom use

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vaguely remember, blot out a memory, have a feeling  
settle a dispute, agree to differ, heated argument  
firmly believe, colour someone's judgement  
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