

## Exploring collocations

A set of collocations for 'old', as listed in the *Longman Collocations Dictionary and Thesaurus* (2013).

### *old*

- man/woman/lady/person...
- building/church/house...
- town/city...
- car/plane...
- book/photograph/record...
- tradition/custom...
- saying/proverb...
- age

### *aged*

- parent/mother/father/aunt/relative...

### *aging*

- population/workforce/society/parents/mother/father/actor/rock star/aircraft/fleet...

### *age-old*

- tradition/custom/problem/question/dilemma/phenomenon/conflict/mystery...

### *ancient*

- city/town/civilization/world/monument/art/site/forest/woodland...

### *antique*

- furniture/clock/desk/table/jewellery/silver...

### *elderly*

- person/woman/man/parents/relative/couple/patient/resident/population...

### *historic*

- building/town/city/monument/place/landmark...

### *vintage*

- clothing/clothes/dress/car/aircraft/vehicle...

Collocational likelihood can be explored using this kind of matrix:

<i>elderly</i>	
parent	yes
city	no
vehicle	jocular
problem	no
<i>age-old</i>	
question	yes
clothing	no
city	yes
parent	no
<i>ancient</i>	

monument	yes
parent	jocular
man	specialized
tradition	yes