

Verbs/Adjectives/Nouns with Prepositions

A	abide by (v) absent from (adj) abstain from (v) accompanied by (adj) according to (prep) account for (v) accuse sb of (v) accustomed to (adj) acquainted with (adj) addicted to (adj) adequate for (adj) adjacent to (adj) advantage of (n) (BUT there's an advantage in – (have) an advantage over sb)	advice on/against (n) afraid of (adj) agree to/on sth (v) agree with sb (v) ahead of (prep) aim at (v) allergic to (adj) amazed at/by (adj) amount to (v) amused at/with (adj) angry at what sb does (adj) angry with sb about sth (adj) angry with sb for doing sth (adj) annoyed with sb about sth (adj) (in) answer to (n)	anxious about sth (adj) (be) anxious for sth to happen (adj) apologise to sb for sth (v) appeal to/against (v) (make an) appeal to sb for sth (n) apply in writing (v) apply to sb for sth (v) approve of (v) argue with sb about sth (v) arrange for sb to do sth (v) arrest sb for sth (v) arrive at (a small place) (v) arrive in (a town) (v) ashamed of (adj)	ask about/for (v) (BUT ask sb a question) assure (sb) of (v) astounded at/by (adj) attached to (adj) attack on (n) attack sb for sth (v) attend to (v) available to (adj) (un)aware of (adj)
B	bad at (adj) (BUT He was very bad to me.) ban sb from sth (v) base on (v) basis for (n) beg for (v)	begin by/with (v) believe in (v) belong to (v) benefit from (v) bet on (v) beware of (v)	(put the) blame on sb (n) blame sb for sth (v) blame sth on sb (v) boast about/of (v) bored with/of (adj) borrow sth from sb (v)	brilliant at (adj) bump into (v) busy with (adj)
C	call at/on (phr v) campaign against/for (v) capable of (adj) care about (v) care for sb (v) (= like) care for sth (v) (= like to do sth) (take) care of (n) careful about/of/with (adj) careless about/with (adj) cause of (n) certain of (adj) change into (v) characteristic of (n/adj) charge for (v) charge sb with (v) check for (v) choice between/of (n) clever at (adj) (BUT It was very clever of you to buy it.)	cling to sb/sth (v) close to (adj) coax sb into (v) coincide with (v) collaborate with (v) collide with (v) comment on (v) communicate with (v) compare to (v) (show the likeness between sb/sth and sb/sth else) compare with (v) (how people and things are alike and how they are different) comparison between (n) compete against/for/with (v) complain of (v) (= suffer from) complain to sb about sth (v) (= be annoyed at)	compliment sb on (v) comply with (v) conceal sth from sb (v) concentrate on (v) (have) confidence in sb (n) confident in (adj) confine to (v) confused about/by (adj) confusion over (n) congratulate sb on sth (v) connection between (n) (BUT in connection with) connect to/with (v) conscious of (adj) consider sb for sth (v) consist of (v) contact between (n) (BUT in contact with) content with (adj)	contrary to (adj) contrast with (v) contribute to (v) convert to/into (v) cope with (v) correspond to/with (v) count against/towards (v) count on sb (phr v) covered in/with (adj) cover in/with (v) crash into/through (v) (have) a craving for sth (n) crazy about (adj) crowded with (adj) cruel to (adj) cruelty towards/to (n) cure for (n) curious about (adj)
D	damage to (n) date back to (v) date from (v) deal with (v) dear to (adj) decide on/against (v) decrease in (n) dedicate to (v) deficient in (adj) definition of (n) delay in (n) delighted with (adj) delight in (v) demand for (n)	demand from (v) depart from (v) departure from (n) dependent on (adj) depend on/upon (v) deputise for (v) descended from (adj) describe as (v) describe sb/sth to sb else (v) description of (n) die from/of (v) die in an accident (v) (have) difference between/of/in (n)	differ from (v) different from (adj) difficulty in/with (n) disadvantage of (n) (BUT there's a disadvantage in doing sth) disagree with (v) disappointed with/about/by (adj) disapprove of (v) discharge sb from (v) discouraged from (adj) discussion about/on (n) disgusted by/at (adj) dismiss from (v) dispose of (v)	disqualified from (adj) dissatisfied with (adj) distinguish between (v) divide between/among (v) divide into/by (v) donate sth to sb/sth (v) do sth about (v) doubtful about (adj) dream about (v) dream of (v) (= imagine) dressed in (adj)
E	eager for (adj) economise on (v) efficient at (adj) (put) effort into sth (n) emphasis on (n) engaged to sb/in sth (adj) engagement to sb (n) enthusiastic about (adj) envious of (adj)	equal to (adj) escape from/to (v) example of (n) excellent at (adj) exception to (n) (make an exception of sth/sb = treat sth/sb as a special case – take exception to sth = object to sth)	exchange sth for sth else (v) excited about (adj) exclaim at (v) excuse for (n) excuse sb for (v) exempt from (adj) expel from (v) experienced in/at (adj) experiment on/with (v)	expert at/in (sth/doing sth) (n) (= person good at) expert on (n) (= person knowledgeable about a subject) expert with sth (n) (= good at using sth)
F	face up to (phr v) fail in an attempt (v) fail to do sth (v) failure in (an exam) (n) failure to (do sth) (n) faithful to (adj) fall in (n)	familiar to sb (adj) (= known to/by sb) familiar with (adj) (= have knowledge of) famous for (adj) fed up with (adj) fill sth with sth else (v)	finish with (v) fire at (v) flee from (v) fond of (adj) forget about (v) forgive sb for (v) fortunate in (adj)	free from/of/for (adj) friendly with/to (adj) frightened of (adj) full of (adj) furious with sb about/at sth (adj)
G	generosity to/towards (n) genius at (n) glance at (v)	glare at (v) good at (adj) (BUT He was very good to me.)	grateful to sb for sth (adj) grudge against (n) guess at (v)	guilty of (adj) (BUT He felt guilty about his crime.)
H	happen to (v) happy about/with/for (adj) harmful to (adj) head for (v)	hear about (v) (= be told) hear from (v) (= receive a letter) hear of (v) (= learn that sth or sb exists)	heir to (n) hinder from (v) hint to sb about sth (v) (BUT hint at sth)	hope for (v) hopeless at (adj) (no) hope of (n) hope to do sth (v)

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I	idea of (n) identical to (adj) ignorant of/about (adj) ill with (adj) impact on (n) important to sb (adj) impressed by/with (adj) (make an) impression on sb (n) improvement in/on (n)	incapable of (adj) include in (v) increase in (n) independent of/from (adj) indifferent to (adj) indulge in (v) inferior to (adj) information about/on (n) (be) informed about (adj)	inject sth into sb/sth (v) inoculate against (v) insist on (v) instead of (prep) insure against (v) intelligent at (adj) (have no) intention of (n) intent on (adj) interested in (adj)	interest in (n) interfere with/in (v) interpretation of (n) invasion of (n) invest in (v) invitation to (n) invite sb to (v) involve in (v) irritated by (adj)
J	jealous of (adj)	join in (v)	joke about (v)	
K	keen on sth (adj) keen to do sth (adj)	key to (n) kind to (adj)	knock at/on (v) know about/of (v)	knowledge of (n)
L	(be) lacking in sth (adj) lack of (n) laugh at (v) lead to (v)	lean on/against (v) learn about/by (v) leave for (v) (= head for) lend sth to sb (v)	listen to (v) live on (v) long for (v) look at (v)	look for (v) (= search for)
M	married to (adj) marvel at (v)	mean to (adj) mention to (v)	mistake sb for (v) mix with (v)	
N	name after (v) necessary for (adj) need for (n)	neglect of (n) nervous about (adj) new to (adj)	nice to (adj) nominate sb (for/as sth) (v) (take) (no) notice of (n)	notorious for doing sth (adj)
O	obedient to (adj) objection to (n) object to (v)	obliged to sb for sth (adj) obsessed with (adj) obvious to (adj)	occur to (v) (take) offence at (n) operate on (v)	opinion of/on (n) opposite of/to (n) optimistic about sth (adj)
P	packed with (adj) part with (v) patient with (adj) pay by (cheque) (v) pay for (v) (BUT pay a bill) pay in (cash) (v) peculiar to (adj) persist in (v) (BUT insist on) (take a) photograph of (n) picture of (n)	pity for (n) (take) pity on sb (exp) pleasant to (adj) pleased with (adj) (take) pleasure in (n) (have the) pleasure of (n) point at/to/towards (v) (im)polite to (adj) popular with (adj) praise sb for (v)	pray for sb/sth (v) (have a) preference for (n) prefer sth to sth else (v) prepare for (v) present sb with (v) prevent sb/sth from (v) (take) pride in (n) pride oneself on sth/on doing sth (v) profit from (v)	prohibit sb from doing sth (v) prone to (adj) protect against/from (v) protection against/from (n) protest about/against (v) proud of (adj) provide sb with (v) provide sth for sb (v) punish sb for (v) puzzled about/by (adj)
Q	qualified for (adj) qualify as/in (v)	quarrel about sth/with sb (v/n) quick at (adj)	quotation from (n)	
R	rave about (v) reaction to (n) react to (v) ready for (adj) reason for (n) reason with (v) rebel against (v) receive from (v) (keep) a record of (n) recover from (v) reduction in (n) (in/with) reference to (n)	refer to (v) refrain from (v) regard as (v) regardless of (prep) related to (adj) relationship between (n) (BUT a relationship with sb) relevant to (adj) rely on (v) remind sb of/about (v) remove from (v) replace sth with sth else (v)	reply to (n/v) report on (n/v) reputation for/of (n) research on/into (n) respected for (adj) respect for (n) respond to (v) responsibility for (n) responsible for (adj) result from/in (v) (= be the consequence of) result in (v) (= cause)	resulting from (adj) result of (n) rhyme with (v) rich in (adj) (get) rid of (phr) rise in (n) (make) room for (n) roll across (v) rude to (adj)
S	safe from (adj) same as (adj) satisfied with/by (adj) save sb from (v) save sth for sb (v) scared of (adj) search for (v/n) (be in) search of (n) sensible of sth (adj) (= aware of sth) sensitive to (adj) sentence sb to (v) separate from (v) serious about (adj) settle for/on (v) share in/of sth (n) shelter from (v)	shocked at/by (adj) shoot at (v) short of/on (adj) shout at (v) shy of (adj) sick of (adj) silly to do sth (adj) (BUT it was silly of him) similar to (adj) skillful/skilled at (adj) slam into (v) slow in/about doing sth/to sth (adj) smell of (n/v) smile at (v) solution to (n) sorry about (adj) (= feel sorry for sb)	(BUT I'm sorry for doing sth) speak to/with sb about (v) specialise in (v) specialist in (n) spend money on sth (v) spend time in/doing sth (v) split into/in (v) spy on (v) stare at (v) strain on (n) stranded on/in/by (adj) study for (v) subject to (adj/v) submit to (v) (BUT submit sth for publication) subscribe to (v)	succeed in (v) suffer from (v) sufficient for sth/sb (adj) suitable for (adj) superior to (adj) sure of/about (adj) surprised at/by (adj) surrender to (v) surrounded by (adj) survive on (v) suspect sb of (v) suspicious of (adj) sweep sb/sth away (v) sympathetic to/towards (adj) sympathise with (v)
T	take sth to sb/sth (v) talent for sth (n) talk to sb about sth (v) (have) taste in (n) taste of (v) terrible at (adj)	terrified of (adj) thankful for (adj) thank sb for (v) think about/of (v) threaten sb with sth (v) threat to sb/to sth/of sth (n)	throw at (v) (in order to hit) throw to (v) (in order to catch) tired of (adj) (= fed up with) tire of (v) translate from ... into (v) tread on (v)	trip over (v) trouble with (n) turn into/to (v) typical of (adj)
U	unaware of (adj) understanding of (n)	uneasy about (adj) upset about/over sth (adj)	used to (adj) useful for/to (adj)	(make) use of (n)
V	valid for (length of time) (adj) valid in (places) (adj)	value sth at (v) vote against/for (v)	vouch for (v)	
W	wait for (v) warn sb against/about/of (v) waste (time/money) on (v)	weak in/at (adj) wink at (v) wonder about (v)	work as/in/at sth (v) worry about (v) worthy of (adj)	write about (v) write to sb (v) wrong about (adj)

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1 Fill in the correct preposition.

- 1 All incomplete assignments will count your final mark for the course.
- 2 The story is based an actual event.
- 3 Martin is very efficient cutting costs and saving money.
- 4 Anna doesn't really care ice-skating; she prefers skiing instead.
- 5 How did the murderer dispose the evidence?
- 6 None of the employees at the bank could account the missing money.
- 7 They congratulated me my win.
- 8 Tanya really delights gossiping about others.
- 9 Two students were caught cheating and were expelled school.
- 10 Beware snakes while walking in the desert.

2 Choose the correct preposition.

- 1 Carbon emissions are harmful **to/at** the environment.
- 2 My professor was really impressed **by/from** my knowledge of the subject.
- 3 It's the manager's job to deal **with/about** any problems customers may have.
- 4 Are you acquainted **with/about** the shop's returns policy?
- 5 Elaine is a genius **at/on** maths.
- 6 Mike is very faithful **to/by** his friends and would never betray them.
- 7 He has an extensive knowledge **of/on** dinosaurs.
- 8 During the sales, the shops are crowded **with/from** frantic shoppers.
- 9 She needs some advice **on/for** how to study more effectively.
- 10 The conference began **with/from** a speech by the president.

3 Fill in the correct preposition.

- 1 The council nominated him the new position.
- 2 Tim has an interest politics.
- 3 He was unfairly dismissed his job.
- 4 Paul is quite capable doing the work himself.
- 5 There was an attack the small village by enemy soldiers.
- 6 Sarah was exempt taking the exam due to her recent illness.
- 7 Carol didn't get the job due to her lack experience.
- 8 Peter was irritated the noise in the library.
- 9 Mr Foster donated his collection of rare books the school library.
- 10 Max is hopeless cooking; he doesn't know how to make anything.

4 Choose the correct preposition.

- 1 The government promised a reduction **in/of** public spending.
- 2 Jerry couldn't part **with/from** his old bike so he decided to keep it.
- 3 Mary dreams **of/at** becoming a famous actress someday.
- 4 Mike's parents were ashamed **of/from** his behaviour during dinner.
- 5 The group's work concentrates mainly **on/at** stopping deforestation.
- 6 The boys are obsessed **over/with** playing computer games.
- 7 The stranger mistook me **for/with** a friend and started talking to me.
- 8 Can I exchange this blouse **to/for** one in a larger size?
- 9 The waste from the factory has a terrible impact **over/on** the environment.
- 10 More money is necessary **for/to** the shelter, otherwise it will have to close.

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5 Fill in the correct preposition.

- 1 They were stranded the road after their car had broken down.
- 2 Paul is terrified spiders.
- 3 I am responsible booking our flights.
- 4 Barry couldn't distinguish the original painting and the copy.
- 5 A poor diet contributes heart disease.
- 6 The dog sat next to the table and begged food.
- 7 Kyle feels uneasy flying.
- 8 The tsunami swept the coastal village.
- 9 We decided buying a car until we have more money.
- 10 James insisted paying for our dinner.

6 Choose the correct preposition.

- 1 I completely agree **on/to/with** Jack about the changes at work.
- 2 Joel is an expert **with/at/of** fixing computer problems.
- 3 You will get a better price if you pay **by/in/for** cash.
- 4 What was his reason **over/with/for** being late?
- 5 The boy threw a rock **at/to/in** the window trying to break it.
- 6 Ian blamed Fred **on/for/with** the mistakes in the report.
- 7 She died **in/by/from** a heart attack.
- 8 Sheila felt guilty **about/of/to** taking the money.
- 9 The boy looked familiar **with/to/for** David; he knew he had seen him somewhere before.
- 10 This coupon is valid only **in/on/to** certain supermarkets.
- 11 Alex survived only **from/with/on** water for three days.
- 12 Phillip takes pleasure **at/in/of** helping others.
- 13 We are all confused **about/for/with** the time of the meeting.
- 14 The customer complained to the manager **of/for/about** the poor service.
- 15 Have you heard **of/from/about** Mina recently?
- 16 There is a huge demand **for/from/against** the software program; everyone is buying it.
- 17 Fortunately, Daniel's part-time job doesn't interfere **on/with/ at** his studies.

7 Fill in the correct preposition.

- 1 Terry is angry with Jan using her laptop.
- 2 The shelter provides homeless people food.
- 3 The judge sentenced the thief ten years in prison.
- 4 There has been no contact the two brothers since they were children.
- 5 Tracy is optimistic being accepted at the university.
- 6 Gary is a specialist cosmetic surgery.
- 7 Carla didn't get the job; she wasn't qualified the position.
- 8 Kyle bumped an old classmate at the supermarket.
- 9 My friends are jealous my new car.
- 10 I was wrong Kay; she is actually a very good person.
- 11 Do you know the solution the problem?
- 12 Her books are popular teenagers.
- 13 Tony can rely his friends for help anytime.
- 14 They succeeded collecting enough clothes for the homeless shelter.
- 15 The students were prohibited demonstrating on the university campus.
- 16 The lawyer refused to comment the case and quickly left the courthouse.
- 17 Nobody laughed any of Bob's jokes.
- 18 The children have grown accustomed going to bed late at night.
- 19 When Stacy was sick, her mother arranged her to see a doctor.
- 20 Jason is confident his ability to ski and hopes to win the competition tomorrow.
- 21 After Rosie recovered from surgery, she was discharged the hospital.
- 22 Darren dislikes reading and gets bored it very easily.
- 23 Instead of dieting, Jenny prefers to indulge eating chocolate!
- 24 James is not very keen going shopping.
- 25 Sally suspects Tom lying.
- 26 Harry is enthusiastic his new job.
- 27 Ken disagreed Tom's statement.
- 28 Janet isn't fond doing housework.