

Verb + preposition

9 Match the verbs on the left in each group of five with a construction on the right.

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| 1 apologize | a) to something |
| 2 succeed | b) somebody to do something |
| 3 rely | c) in doing something |
| 4 conform | d) on somebody to do something |
| 5 convince | e) for (not) doing something |
| 6 hear | f) to doing something |
| 7 insist | g) about something from somebody |
| 8 look forward | h) to somebody about something |
| 9 complain | i) for something |
| 10 wait | j) on doing something |

10 Use a verb + preposition from Exercise 9 to complete these sentences.

- My soup was cold, so I _____ the waiter. He _____ the poor service, and said he would bring some hot soup immediately.
- While I'm away on business I _____ my secretary to do everything. If anything important happens, she calls me or sends an email so that I _____ it straight away.
- The salaries in our company should _____ those in other similar companies. I've been saying that for ages, and I've now _____ convincing senior management. We all get a 10% pay rise next month!
- I'll ask the waiter to bring the bill, and I _____ paying. You can pay when I visit you in your country, and I _____ to doing that very soon.

11 Use a verb from A and a preposition from B to complete the sentences. Sometimes it is necessary to add a third person -s to the verb.

A
agree apply comply consist depend
insure invest suffer

B
against for from in of on with with

- As well as owning stocks and bonds, a good way to diversify your portfolio is to _____ property.
- The shipping cost _____ two figures: the transport itself, and the insurance.
- Health and safety is a big issue these days, and the company has to _____ all the regulations in this area.
- It all _____ what you mean by 'profit'. Are you talking about gross profit, or net profit?
- If there was a fire in the factory, or a serious accident, it would be a disaster - we must _____ these kinds of risks.
- Ruth persuaded me to _____ the sales job, but I'm not sure that I want my career to go in that direction.

- Don't worry, I'm quite OK. I _____ an allergy to dairy products, but it's nothing serious.
- I _____ you up to a point, but I think there are some important issues that you haven't considered.

Noun + preposition

12 Complete the sentences using these prepositions.

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- A company's image can be seriously damaged by involvement _____ illegal trading practices.
- Bills of exchange are no substitute _____ careful credit checks.
- Credit insurance can eliminate the need _____ letters of credit.
- Credit ratings are a solution _____ the problem of evaluating risk.
- It's important to be transparent in dealings _____ foreign governments.
- Late payment can have a damaging effect _____ a company's cash-flow.
- Negotiators should show respect _____ other cultures.
- Some countries levy a special tax _____ imports.
- The seller's bank may have access _____ information about the buyer's credit-worthiness.
- The seller's bank takes responsibility _____ obtaining payment.

13 Find a word in Exercise 12 that means:

- the act of taking part in an activity or event _____
- something that is used instead of something else _____
- measurements of how good something is _____
- the business relationship that you have with another person or organization (plural) _____
- harmful _____
- to officially request payment, especially of a tax _____
- an amount of money that you have to pay to the government _____
- the degree to which an organization is likely to pay back money that they borrow _____