

● Cover the PREPOSITION column on the right, and test yourself.

Verb + preposition

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| 1 Simon insisted ____ paying for everything when we went out. | on |
| 2 The exam consists ____ speaking, writing, listening, reading, and English in use papers. | of |
| 3 I can't concentrate ____ what I'm doing with all that noise outside. | on |
| 4 His ex-wife took revenge ____ him by cutting up all his suits. | on |
| 5 The government was heavily criticized ____ not acting faster. | for |
| 6 I need to translate this document ____ German. Can you help me? | into |
| 7 My brother is a lawyer who specializes ____ criminal law. | in |
| 8 We're still waiting for Laura to apologize ____ her awful behaviour last night. | for |
| 9 Everyone blamed me ____ the mistake, even though it wasn't my fault. | for |
| 10 The police have accused her ____ stealing from her employer. | of |
| 11 I'm so hard up I'm going to have to borrow some money ____ my sister. | from |
| 12 It's often not a good idea to lend money ____ a friend. | to |
| 13 We have succeeded ____ reducing unemployment to less than 5% of the workforce. | in |
| 14 I think the film is definitely aimed ____ people under 25. I didn't enjoy it at all. | at |
| 15 I was named ____ my grandmother, who died before I was born. | after |
| 16 I know I can rely ____ you to keep a secret. | on |
| 17 We need to divide this ____ four equal parts | into |
| 18 I'm going to complain to the manager ____ this. | about |

Noun + preposition

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| 1 There doesn't seem to be an easy solution ____ the problem. | to |
| 2 The reason ____ the delay was the late arrival of the incoming flight. | for |
| 3 I have quite a lot of difficulty ____ remembering names and faces. | in |
| 4 There is an urgent need ____ qualified teachers to work in developing nations. | for |
| 5 The police have reported a sharp increase ____ crimes involving identity theft. | in |
| 6 I have absolutely no intention ____ resigning. | of |
| 7 There is going to be a full investigation ____ the causes of the accident. | into |
| 8 I'm sure there is going to be a lot of protest ____ the new law. | against |
| 9 Jack has a lot of respect ____ his grandfather's achievements. | for |
| 10 There's no point ____ getting angry about it. It's too late now. | in |
| 11 The rescue services say that there is no hope ____ finding any more survivors. | of |
| 12 My boss has asked me to write a report ____ the new computer system. | on / about |
| 13 The lack ____ water is becoming a very serious problem in some countries. | of |
| 14 The new managing director has a reputation ____ being very ruthless. | for |
| 15 I think the government's attitude ____ single-parent families is changing. | to / towards |

● Keep a record of other examples of dependent prepositions. These can also be found in dictionaries, such as the *Oxford Advanced Learner's Dictionary*.