**Verbs and prepositions**

Do you know how to use the prepositions *for*, *from*, *in*, *of*, *on*, *to* and *with* after verbs?

Look at these examples to see how prepositions are used after verbs.

*Can you wait for me to finish my lunch?  
I'm relying on my co-worker to answer all my emails while I'm on holiday.  
Sun cream protects you from getting burnt.*

Try this exercise to test your grammar.

[**Grammar test 1**](https://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org/grammar/intermediate-to-upper-intermediate/verbs-and-prepositions)

Read the explanation to learn more.

Grammar explanation

When a verb is part of a longer sentence, it is often followed by a specific preposition.

*I****agree with****Mike.  
She****listens to****the radio a lot.  
He****thanked****me****for****the flowers.*

There are no grammatical rules to help you know which preposition is used with which verb, so it's a good idea to try to learn them together. To help you do this, write new vocabulary in your notebook in a sentence or phrase. Here are some common verbs for each preposition.

Verbs with *for*

*They're****waiting for****a bus.  
He****apologised for****being late.   
I****applied for****the job but I didn't get it.  
How do you****ask for****a coffee in Polish?  
I can't go out tonight because I have to****prepare for****my interview tomorrow.*

Verbs with *from*

*This spray should****protect****you****from****mosquitoes.  
Has he****recovered from****the accident yet?  
She won an award because she****saved****someone****from****drowning.  
I****suffer from****allergies.*

Verbs with *in*

*She doesn't****believe in****coincidences.  
Our company****specialises in****computer software.  
You have to work hard if you want to****succeed in****life.*

Verbs with *of*

*I don't****approve of****hunting animals for their fur.  
Our dog****died of****old age.  
This shampoo****smells of****bananas.*

Verbs with *on*

*Their decision will****depend on****the test results.  
The film is****based on****the novel by Boris Pasternak.  
If you make so much noise, I can't****concentrate on****my work.  
Come on! We're****relying on****you!  
We don't****agree on****anything but we're still good friends.*

Verbs with *to*

*What kind of music do you like****listening to****?  
Can I****introduce****you****to****my grandfather?  
Please****refer to****the notes at the end for more information.  
Nobody****responded to****my complaint.  
She****apologised to****me the next day.*

Verbs with *with*

*I****agree with****everything you've said.  
My assistant will****provide****you****with****more information if you need it.  
We're finding it difficult to****deal with****the stress.*