

**Unit 128**

**Verb + Object + preposition (1)**

Study this list of *verbs + object + preposition*:

**accuse** someone **OF** (doing) something (see also **Unit 60b**):

- Tom **accused** Ann **of** being selfish.
- Three students were **accused of** cheating in the examination.

**ask** (someone) **FOR** something:

- I wrote to the company **asking** them **for** more information about the job

*but*: 'ask (someone) a question' (no preposition)

**blame** someone/something **FOR** something:

- Everybody **blamed** me **for** the accident.

*or*: **blame** something **ON** someone/something:

- Everybody **blamed** the accident **on** me.

We also say: '(someone is) **to blame** for something':

- Everybody said that I **was to blame** for the accident.

**borrow** something **FROM** someone:

- I didn't have any money. I had to **borrow** some **from** a friend of mine.

**charge** someone **WITH** (an offence / a crime):

- Three men have been arrested and **charged with** robbery.

**congratulate** someone **ON** (doing) something (see also **Unit 60b**):

- When I heard that he had passed his examination, I phoned him to **congratulate** him **on** his success.

**divide/cut/split** something **INTO** (two or more parts):

- The book is **divided into** three parts.
- **Cut** me meat **into** small pieces before frying it.

**do** something **ABOUT** something (= do something to improve a bad situation):

- The economic situation is getting worse and worse. The government ought to **do** something **about** it.

**explain** (a problem / a situation / a word etc.) **TO** someone:

- Can you **explain** this word **to** me? (*not* 'explain me this word')

*a/so*: 'explain (to someone) **that/what/how/why** ...' (note the word order):

- Let me **explain to you what** I mean.

**invite** someone **TO** (a party / a wedding etc.):

- Have you been **invited to** any parties recently?

**leave** (a place) **FOR** (another place):

- I haven't seen her since she **left** home **for** work this morning.

**point/aim** something **AT** someone/something:

- Don't **point** that knife **at** me! It's dangerous.

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