

Unit 128

1 Complete these sentences with a preposition.

Example: I didn't have any money, so I had to borrow some from a friend of mine.

- 1 You're always asking me ..... money. Why don't you ask someone else for a change?
- 2 I've been invited ..... the wedding but unfortunately I can't go.
- 3 When I saw Dave, I congratulated him ..... passing his driving test.
- 4 Be careful with those scissors. Don't point them ..... me!
- 5 It's not very pleasant when you are accused ..... something you didn't do.
- 6 The driver of the car was taken to the police station and later charged ..... dangerous driving.
- 7 'Is that your own book?' 'No, I borrowed I ..... the library.'
- 8 It's a very large house. It's divided ..... four flats.
- 9 Mr and Mrs Roberts are on a tour of Europe at the moment. They're in Rome now, but tomorrow they leave ..... Venice.
- 10 The roof of the house is in very bad condition. I think we ought to do something ..... it.

2 In this exercise you have to use the correct preposition after blame.

Sometimes you have to use **for**, and sometimes **on**.

Examples: Tom said that the accident was my fault.

Tom blamed me for the accident.

Tom said that the accident was my fault.

Tom blamed the accident on me.

- 1 Ann said that what happened was Jim's fault.  
Ann blamed Jim .....
- 2 You always say that everything is my fault. You always blame everything .....
- 3 Do you think that the economic situation is the fault of the government?  
Do you blame the government ..... ?
- 4 I think that the increase in violent crime is the fault of television.  
I blame the increase in violent crime .....

Now re-write sentences 3 and 4 using ... to blame for ...

Example: Tom said that I was to blame for the accident.

- 5 (3) Do you think that the government is ..... ?
- 6 (4) I think that .....

3 In this exercise you have to make sentences using explain. You ask someone to explain some things that you don't understand.

Examples: (I don't understand this word).

Can you explain this word to me?

(I don't understand what you mean).

Can you explain to me what you mean?

- 1 (I don't understand this question.)  
Can you explain ..... ?
- 2 (I don't understand the system.)  
Can you ..... ?
- 3 (I don't understand how this machine works.)  
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- 4 (I don't understand why English food is so bad.)  
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government?