

**Unit 125**   **Verb + preposition (1)**

Study this list of *verbs + preposition*:

- apologise** (TO someone) **FOR** something (see also **Unit 60a**):  
- When I realised I was wrong, I **apologised to him for** my mistake.
- apply** **FOR** a job/a place at university etc.:  
- I think this job would suit you. Why don't you **apply for** it?
- believe** **IN** something:  
- Do you **believe in** God? (= Do you believe that God exists?)  
- I **believe in** saying what I think. (= I believe that it is a good thing to say what I think.)
- belong** **TO** someone:  
- Who does this coat **belong to**?
- care** **ABOUT** someone/something (= think someone/something is important):  
- He is very selfish. He doesn't **care about** other people.
- care** **FOR** someone/something:  
i) = like something (usually in questions and negative sentences):  
- Would you **care for** a cup of coffee? (= Would you like ...?)  
- I don't **care for** hot weather. (= I don't like ...)
- ii) = look after someone:  
- She is very old. She needs someone to **care for** her.
- take care** **OF** someone/something (= look after):  
- Have a nice holiday. **Take care of** yourself!
- collide** **WITH** someone/something:  
- There was an accident this morning. A bus **collided with** a car.
- complain** (TO someone) **ABOUT** someone/something:  
- We **complained to** the manager of the restaurant **about** the food.
- concentrate** **ON** something:  
- Don't look out of the window. **Concentrate on** your work!
- consist** **OF** something:  
- We had an enormous meal. It **consisted of** seven courses.
- crash/drive/bump/run** **INTO** someone/something:  
- He lost control of the car and **crashed into** a wall.
- depend** **ON** someone/something:  
- 'What time will you arrive?' 'I don't know. It **depends on** the traffic.'  
You can leave out **on** before question words (*when/where/how* etc.):  
- 'Are you going to buy it?' 'It **depends (on) how much** it is.'
- die** **OF** an illness:  
- 'What did he **die of**?' 'A heart attack.'

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