

**Unit 121**

**Noun + preposition ('reason for', 'cause of' etc.)**

Study this list of *nouns + preposition*. Sometimes other prepositions are possible - a good dictionary will give you more information.

a **cheque FOR** (a sum of money):

- They sent me a **cheque for** £ 50.

a **demand / a need FOR** something:

- The firm closed down because there wasn't enough **demand for** its product.

a **reason FOR** something:

- The train was late but no-one knew the **reason for** the delay.

a **rise / an increase / a fall / a decrease IN** something:

- There has been an **increase in** road accidents recently.

an **advantage / a disadvantage OF** something:

- The **advantage of** living alone is that you can do what you like.  
*but* we say 'there is an advantage **in** doing something':  
- **There are** many advantages **in** living alone.

a **cause OF** something:

- Nobody knows what the **cause of** the explosion was.

a **photograph / a picture OF** someone/something:

- He always keeps a **photograph of** his wife in his wallet.

**damage TO** something:

- The accident was my fault, so I paid for the **damage to** the other car.

an **invitation TO** a party / a wedding etc.:

- Did you get an **invitation to** the party?

a **reaction TO** something:

- I was surprised at his **reaction to** what said.

a **solution TO** a problem / an **answer TO** a question / a **reply TO** a letter / a **key TO** a door:

- Do you think we'll find a **solution to** this problem.  
- The **answer to** your question is 'No'!

an **attitude TO/TOWARDS** someone/something:

- His **attitude to/towards** his job is very negative.

a **relationship / a connection / contact WITH** someone/something:

- Do you have a good **relationship with** your parents?  
- Police want to question a man in **connection with** the robbery.

*but*: a **relationship / a connection / contact / a difference BETWEEN** two things:

- Police have said that there is **no connection between** the two murders.  
- There are some **differences between** British English and American English.

**damage TO** something:

- The accident was my fault, so I paid for the **damage to** the