

## Unit 127 Verb + preposition (3)

Study this list of *verbs + preposition*:

**search** (a person / a place / a bag etc.) **FOR** someone/something:

- I've **searched** the whole house **for** my keys but I still can't find them.
- The police are **searching for** the escaped prisoner.

**shout** **AT** someone (*when you are angry*):

- He was very angry and started **shouting at** me.

*but: shout TO* someone (*so that they can hear you*):

- He **shouted to** me from the other side of the street.

**speak/talk TO** someone ('with' is also possible but less usual):

- (*on the telephone*) Hello, can I **speak to** Jane, please?
- Who was that man I saw you **talking to** in the pub?

**suffer FROM** an illness:

- The number of people **suffering from** heart disease has increased.

**think ABOUT** someone/something (= *consider, concentrate the mind on*):

- You're quiet morning. What are you **thinking about**?
- I've **thought about** what you said and I've decided to take your advice.
- 'Will you lend me the money?' 'I'll **think about** it.'

**think OF** someone/something (= *remember, bring to mind, have an idea*):

- He told me his name but I can't **think of** it now. (*not 'think about it'*)
- That's a good idea. Why didn't I **think of** that?

We also use **think OF** when we ask for or give an opinion:

- 'What did you **think of** the film?' 'I didn't **think much of** it.'

The difference between **think OF** and **think ABOUT** is sometimes very small.

Often you can use **OF** or **ABOUT**:

- My sister is **thinking of** (*or about*) going to Canada.
- Tom was **thinking of** (*or about*) buying a new car but changed his mind.
- When I'm alone, I often **think of** (*or about*) going to Canada.

**wait FOR** someone/something:

- I'm not going out yet. I'm **waiting for** the rain to stop.

**write TO** someone:

- Sorry I haven't **written to** you for such a long time

We do *not* use a preposition with these verbs:

**phone** someone

Did you **phone your father** yesterday?

**discuss** something

We **discussed many things** at the meeting.

**enter** (= *go into a place*)

She felt nervous as she **entered the room**.

For verbs + preposition + **-ing** see **Unit 60a**.

about it')

- That's a good idea. Why didn't I **think of** that?