

Unit 126

Verb + preposition (2)

Study this list of *verbs + preposition*:

dream ABOUT someone/something:

- I **dreamt about** you last night.

dream OF being something/doing something (= imagine):

- I often **dream of** being rich.

a/so: '(I) **wouldn't dream (of doing something)**':

- 'Don't tell anyone what said.' 'No, I **wouldn't dream of it.**'

happen TO someone/something:

- A strange thing **happened to** me the other day.
- What **happened to** that gold watch you used to have?

hear ABOUT something (= be told about something):

- Did you **hear about** the fight in the club on Saturday night?
- Have you **heard about** Jane? She's getting married.

hear OF someone/something (= know that someone/something exists):

- 'Who is Tom Madely?' 'I have no idea. I've never **heard of him.**'
- Have you **heard of** a company called 'Smith Electrics'?

hear FROM someone (= receive a letter / telephone call from someone):

- 'Have you **heard from** Ann recently?' 'Yes, she wrote to me last week.'

laugh/smile AT someone/something:

- I look stupid with this haircut. Everyone will **laugh at** me.

listen TO someone/something:

- We spent the evening **listening to** records.

live ON money/food:

- George's salary is very low. It isn't enough to **live on.**

look AT someone/something (= look in the direction of):

- Why are you **looking at** me like that?

a/so: **have a look AT, state AT, glance AT**

look FOR someone/something (= try to find):

- I've lost my keys. Can you help me **look for** them?

look AFTER someone/something (= take care of):

- She's very old. She needs someone to **look after** her.
- You can borrow this book if you promise to **look after** it.

pay (someone) FOR something:

- I didn't have enough money to **pay for** the meal.
- but*: **pay a bill / a fine / \$50 / a fare / taxes** etc. (no preposition).

rely ON someone/something:

- You can **rely on** Jack. He always keeps his promises.

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