

## 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.'

- She is very old. She needs someone to **care for** her.