

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