

Unit 129

Verb + Object + preposition (2)

Study this list of *verbs + object + preposition*:

prefer someone/something **TO** someone/something (see also **Unit 64**):

- I **prefer** tea **to** coffee.

protect someone/something **FROM** (or **against**) someone/something:

- He put sun-tan oil on his body **to protect** his skin **from** the sun.
(or ... **against** the sun.)

provide someone **WITH** something:

- The school **provides** all its students **with** books.

regard someone/something **AS** something:

- I've always **regarded** you **as** one of my best friends.

remind someone **OF** someone/something (= cause someone to remember):

- This house **reminds** me **of** the one I lived in when I was a child.
- Look at this photograph of Tom. Who does he **remind** you **of**?

but: **remind** someone **ABOUT** something (= tell someone not to forget):

- I'm glad you **reminded** me **about** the party. I had completely forgotten it.

For '**remind** someone **to do** something' see **Unit 55b**.

sentence someone **TO** (a period of imprisonment):

- He was found guilty and **sentenced to** six months' imprisonment.

spend (money) **ON** something:

- How much money do you **spend on** food each week?

Note that we usually say '**spend** (time) **doing** something':

- I **spend a lot of time** reading.

throw something **AT** someone/something (in order to hit them):

- Someone **threw** an egg **at** the minister while he was speaking.

but: **throw** something **TO** someone (for someone to catch):

- Ann shouted 'Catch!' and **threw** the keys **to** me from the window.

translate (a book etc.) **FROM** one language **INTO** another language:

- George Orwell's books have been **translated into** many languages.

warn someone **ABOUT** someone/something (**of** is also possible sometimes):

- I knew she was a bit strange before I met her. Tom had **warned me about** her.
- Everybody has been **warned about** the dangers of smoking.

For '**warn** someone **against** doing something' see **Unit 60b**.

For '**warn** someone **not to do** something' see **Unit 55b**.

For verbs + object + preposition + **-ing** see **Unit 60b**.

For '**remind** someone **to do** something' see **Unit 55b**.