

Noun + preposition (**reason for, cause of** etc.)**A** noun + **for** ...a **demand** / a **need FOR** ...

- ☐ The company went out of business. There was no **demand for** its product any more.
- ☐ There's no excuse for behaviour like that. There's no **need for** it.

a **reason FOR** ...

- ☐ The train was late, but nobody knew the **reason for** the delay. (*not* reason of)

B noun + **of** ...a **cause OF** ...

- ☐ The **cause of** the explosion is unknown.

a **picture** / a **photo** / a **photograph** / a **map** / a **plan** / a **drawing** (etc.) **OF** ...

- ☐ Rachel showed me some **pictures of** her family.
- ☐ I had a **map of** the town, so I was able to find my way around.

an **advantage** / a **disadvantage OF** ...

- ☐ The **advantage of living alone** is that you can do what you like.

*but***there is** an advantage **IN** doing something *or* **TO** doing something:

- ☐ **There are** many advantages **in** living alone. *or* ... many advantages **to** living alone.

C noun + **in** ...an **increase** / a **decrease** / a **rise** / a **fall IN** (prices etc.)

- ☐ There has been an **increase in** the number of road accidents recently.
- ☐ Last year was a bad one for the company. There was a big **fall in** sales.

D noun + **to** ...**damage TO** ...

- ☐ The accident was my fault, so I had to pay for the **damage to** the other car.

an **invitation TO** ... (a party / a wedding etc.)

- ☐ Did you get an **invitation to** the wedding?

a **solution TO** a problem / a **key TO** a door / an **answer TO** a question / a **reply TO** a letter / a **reaction TO** something

- ☐ I hope we find a **solution to** the problem. (*not* a solution of the problem)
- ☐ I was surprised at her **reaction to** my suggestion.

an **attitude TO** ... *or* an **attitude TOWARDS** ...

- ☐ His **attitude to** his job is very negative. *or* His **attitude towards** his job ...

E noun + **with** ... / **between** ...a **relationship** / a **connection** / **contact WITH** ...

- ☐ Do you have a good **relationship with** your parents?
- ☐ The police want to question a man in **connection with** the robbery.

a **relationship** / a **connection** / **contact** / a **difference BETWEEN** two things or people

- ☐ The police believe that there is no **connection between** the two crimes.
- ☐ There are some **differences between** British and American English.

Exercises

129.1 Complete the second sentence so that it has the same meaning as the first.

- 1 What caused the explosion?
What was the cause of the explosion.....?
- 2 We're trying to solve the problem.
We're trying to find a solution
- 3 Sue gets on well with her brother.
Sue has a good relationship
- 4 The cost of living has gone up a lot.
There has been a big increase
- 5 I don't know how to answer your question.
I can't think of an answer
- 6 I don't think that a new road is necessary.
I don't think there is any need
- 7 I think that living in a big city has many advantages.
I think that there are many advantages
- 8 Food prices fell last month.
Last month there was a fall
- 9 Nobody wants shoes like these any more.
There is no demand
- 10 In what way is your job different from mine?
What is the difference

129.2 Complete the sentences using these nouns + a preposition:

cause	connection	contact	damage	invitation
key	map	photos	reason	reply

- 1 On the classroom wall there were some pictures and a map of the world.
- 2 Thank you for the your birthday party.
- 3 Anna has little her family these days. She rarely sees them.
- 4 I can't open this door. Do you have a the other door?
- 5 The the fire at the hotel is still unknown.
- 6 Did you get a the email you sent?
- 7 The two companies are separate. There is no them.
- 8 Jane showed me some the city as it looked 100 years ago.
- 9 Emily has decided to give up her job. I don't know her doing this.
- 10 It wasn't a bad accident. The the car wasn't serious.

129.3 Complete the sentences with the correct preposition.

- 1 There are some differences between British and American English.
- 2 Money isn't the solution every problem.
- 3 There has been an increase the amount of traffic using this road.
- 4 The advantage having a car is that you don't have to rely on public transport.
- 5 There are many advantages being able to speak a foreign language.
- 6 Everything can be explained. There's a reason everything.
- 7 When Paul left home, his attitude many things seemed to change.
- 8 Ben and I used to be good friends, but I don't have much contact him now.
- 9 James did a very good drawing his father. It looks just like him.
- 10 What was Sarah's reaction the news?
- 11 Nicola took a picture me holding the baby.
- 12 The show is very popular and there has been a great demand tickets.
- 13 There has been a lot of debate about the causes climate change.
- 14 The fact that Jane was offered a job in the company has no connection the fact that she is a friend of the managing director.