

**A** verb + **of****accuse / suspect** somebody **OF** ...

- ☐ Tina **accused** me **of** being selfish.
- ☐ Some students were **suspected of** cheating in the exam.

**approve / disapprove OF** ...

- ☐ His parents don't **approve of** what he does, but they can't stop him.

**die OF or die FROM** an illness etc.

- ☐ 'What did he **die of**?' 'A heart attack.'

**consist OF** ...

- ☐ We had an enormous meal. It **consisted of** seven courses.

**B** verb + **for****pay** (somebody) **FOR** ...

- ☐ We didn't have enough money to **pay for** the meal. (*not* pay the meal)
- But we say '**pay** a bill / a fine / a fee / tax / rent / a sum of money' etc. (no preposition)
- ☐ We didn't have enough money to **pay the rent**.

**thank / forgive** somebody **FOR** ...

- ☐ I'll never **forgive** them **for** what they did.

**apologise (TO somebody) FOR** ...

- ☐ When I realised I was wrong, I **apologised (to them) for** my mistake.

**blame** somebody/something **FOR** ... , somebody is **to blame FOR** ...

- ☐ Everybody **blamed** me **for** the accident.
- ☐ Everybody said that I was **to blame for** the accident.

**blame** (a problem etc.) **ON** ...

- ☐ It wasn't my fault. Don't **blame** it **on** me.

**C** verb + **from****suffer FROM** an illness etc.

- ☐ There's been an increase in the number of people **suffering from** heart disease.

**protect** somebody/something **FROM** ...

- ☐ Sun cream **protects** the skin **from** the sun.

**D** verb + **on****depend ON** ... , **rely ON** ...

- ☐ I don't know what time we'll arrive. It **depends on** the traffic.
  - ☐ You can **rely on** Anna. She always keeps her promises.
- You can use **depend + when/where/how** etc. with or without **on**:
- ☐ 'Are you going to buy it?' 'It **depends how much** it is.' (*or* 'It depends **on** how much ...')

**live ON** money/food

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

**congratulate / compliment** somebody **ON** ...

- ☐ I **congratulated** her **on** doing so well in her exams.
- ☐ The meal was really good. I **complimented** Mark **on** his cooking skills.

## Exercises

**135.1 Put in the correct preposition. If no preposition is necessary, leave the space empty.**

- 1 Some students were suspected of cheating in the exam.
- 2 Are you going to apologise ..... what you did?
- 3 The apartment consists ..... three rooms, a kitchen and bathroom.
- 4 I was accused ..... lying, but I was telling the truth.
- 5 We finished our meal, paid ..... the bill, and left the restaurant.
- 6 The accident was my fault, so I had to pay ..... the repairs.
- 7 Some people are dying ..... hunger, while others eat too much.
- 8 I called Helen to thank her ..... the present she sent me.
- 9 The government is popular. Most people approve ..... its policies.
- 10 Do you blame the government ..... our economic problems?
- 11 When something goes wrong, you always blame it ..... other people.
- 12 Forgive me ..... interrupting, but I'd like to ask you something.

**135.2 Complete the second sentence so that it means the same as the first.**

- 1 Sue said that I was selfish.  
Sue accused me of being selfish .....
- 2 The misunderstanding was my fault, so I apologised.  
I apologised .....
- 3 Jane won the tournament, so I congratulated her.  
I congratulated .....
- 4 He has enemies, and he has a bodyguard to protect him.  
He has a bodyguard to protect .....
- 5 Sandra eats only bread and eggs.  
Sandra lives .....
- 6 You can't say that the bad weather is my fault.  
You can't blame .....
- 7 The police thought my friend had stolen a car.  
The police suspected .....

**135.3 Complete the sentences using these verbs (in the correct form) + a preposition:**

accuse   apologise   approve   congratulate   depend   live   pay   suffer

- 1 His parents don't approve of ..... what he does, but they can't stop him.
- 2 When you went to the theatre with Paul, who ..... the tickets?
- 3 It's not pleasant when you are ..... something you didn't do.
- 4 We hope to go to the beach tomorrow, but it ..... the weather.
- 5 Things are cheap there. You can ..... very little money.
- 6 You were rude to Lisa. I think you should ..... her.
- 7 Alex ..... back pain. He spends too much time working at his desk.
- 8 I called Jack to ..... him ..... passing his driving test.

**135.4 Put in the correct preposition. If no preposition is necessary, leave the space empty.**

- 1 I'll never forgive them for ..... what they did.
- 2 Vaccinations may protect you ..... a number of diseases.
- 3 You know you can always rely ..... me if you need any help.
- 4 Sophie will have to borrow money to pay ..... her college fees.
- 5 She's often unwell. She suffers ..... very bad headaches.
- 6 I don't know whether I'll go out tonight. It depends ..... how I feel.
- 7 Anna doesn't have a job. She depends ..... her parents for money.
- 8 My usual breakfast consists ..... fruit, cereal and coffee.
- 9 I complimented her ..... her English. It was really good.