

Verb + preposition 4 of/for/from/on

A

Verb + of

accuse / suspect somebody **OF** ...

- ☐ Sue 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 **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** ...

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

- ☐ Everybody blamed the accident on me.

C

Verb + from

suffer **FROM** an illness etc.

- ☐ The number of people suffering from heart disease has increased.

protect somebody/something **FROM** (or **AGAINST**) ...

- ☐ Sun block protects the skin from the sun. (or ... against the sun.)

D

Verb + on

depend / rely **ON** ...

- ☐ 'What time will you be home?' 'I don't know. It depends on the traffic.'
- ☐ You can rely on Jill. 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 her success in the exam.

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

- 1 Sue said 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 Jane
- 4 He has enemies, but he has a bodyguard to protect him.
He has a bodyguard to protect him
- 5 There are eleven players in a football team.
A football team consists
- 6 Sandra eats only bread and eggs. She lives

135.2 Complete the second sentence using for or on. These sentences all have blame.

- 1 Liz said that what happened was Joe's fault. Liz blamed Joe for what happened.
- 2 You always say everything is my fault.
You always blame me
- 3 Do you think the economic crisis is the fault of the government?
Do you blame the government ..?
- 4 I think the increase in violent crime is the fault of television.
I blame the increase in violent crime

Now rewrite sentences 3 and 4 using to blame for.

- 5 (3) Do you think the government?
- 6 (4) I think that

135.3 Complete the sentences using the following verbs (in the correct form) + the correct preposition:

accuse apologise ~~approve~~ congratulate depend live pay

- 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 very pleasant when you are something you didn't do.
- 4 A: Are you going to the beach tomorrow?
B: I hope so. It the weather.
- 5 Things are very cheap there. You can very little money.
- 6 When I saw David, I him passing his driving test.
- 7 You were very rude to Liz. Don't you think you should her?

135.4 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 Sally is often not well. She suffers very bad headaches.
- 3 You know that you can rely me if you ever need any help.
- 4 It is terrible that some people are dying hunger while others eat too much.
- 5 Are you going to apologise what you did?
- 6 The accident was my fault, so I had to pay the repairs.
- 7 I didn't have enough money to pay the bill.
- 8 I complimented her her English. She spoke very fluently and her pronunciation was excellent.
- 9 She hasn't got a job. She depends her parents for money.
- 10 I don't know whether I'll go out tonight. It depends how I feel.
- 11 They wore warm clothes to protect themselves the cold.
- 12 The apartment consists three rooms, a kitchen and bathroom.