

Verb + preposition 5 in/into/with/to/on

A

Verb + in

believe IN ...

- ☐ Do you **believe in** God? (= Do you believe that God exists?)
- ☐ I **believe in** saying what I think. (= I believe it is right to say what I think)

but 'believe something' (= believe it is true), 'believe somebody' (= believe they are telling the truth)

- ☐ The story can't be true. I don't **believe it**. (*not believe in it*)

specialise IN ...

- ☐ Helen is a lawyer. She **specialises in** company law.

succeed IN ...

- ☐ I hope you **succeed in** finding the job you want.

B

Verb + into

break INTO ...

- ☐ Our house was **broken into** a few days ago, but nothing was stolen.

crash / drive / bump / run INTO ...

- ☐ He lost control of the car and **crashed into** a wall.

divide / cut / split something INTO two or more parts

- ☐ The book is **divided into** three parts.

translate a book etc. FROM one language INTO another

- ☐ Ernest Hemingway's books have been **translated into** many languages.

C

Verb + with

collide WITH ...

- ☐ There was an accident this morning. A bus **collided with** a car.

fill something WITH ... (*but full of ...* – see Unit 131B)

- ☐ Take this saucepan and **fill it with** water.

provide / supply somebody WITH ...

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

D

Verb + to

happen TO ...

- ☐ What **happened to** that gold watch you used to have? (= where is it now?)

invite somebody TO a party / a wedding etc.

- ☐ They only **invited** a few people **to** their wedding.

prefer one thing/person TO another

- ☐ I **prefer** tea **to** coffee

E

Verb + on

concentrate ON ...

- ☐ Don't look out of the window. **Concentrate on** your work.

insist ON ...

- ☐ I wanted to go alone, but some friends of mine **insisted on** coming with me.

spend (money) ON ...

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

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

- There was a collision between a bus and a car.
A bus collided with a car.
- I don't mind big cities, but I prefer small towns.
I prefer
- I got all the information I needed from Jane.
Jane provided me
- This morning I bought a pair of shoes, which cost £70.
This morning I spent

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

believe concentrate divide drive fill happen ~~insist~~ invite succeed

- I wanted to go alone, but Sue insisted on coming with me.
- I haven't seen Mike for ages. I wonder what has him.
- We've been the party, but unfortunately we can't go.
- It's a very large house. It's four flats.
- I don't ghosts. I think people only imagine that they see them.
- Steve gave me an empty bucket and told me to it water.
- I was driving along when the car in front of me stopped suddenly. Unfortunately I couldn't stop in time and the back of it.
- Don't try and do two things together. one thing at a time.
- It wasn't easy, but in the end we finding a solution to the problem.

136.3 Put in the correct preposition. If the sentence is already complete, leave the space empty.

- The school provides all its students with books.
- A strange thing happened me a few days ago.
- Mark decided to give up sport so that he could concentrate his studies.
- I don't believe working very hard. It's not worth it.
- My present job isn't wonderful, but I prefer it what I did before.
- I hope you succeed getting what you want.
- As I was coming out of the room, I collided somebody who was coming in.
- There was an awful noise as the car crashed a tree.
- Patrick is a photographer. He specialises sports photography.
- Do you spend much money clothes?
- The country is divided six regions.
- I prefer travelling by train driving. It's much more pleasant.
- I was amazed when Joe walked into the room. I couldn't believe it.
- Somebody broke my car and stole the radio.
- I was quite cold, but Tom insisted having the window open.
- Some words are difficult to translate one language another.
- What happened the money I lent you? What did you spend it ?
- The teacher decided to split the class four groups.
- I filled the tank, but unfortunately I filled it the wrong kind of petrol.

136.4 Use your own ideas to complete these sentences. Use a preposition.

- I wanted to go out alone, but my friend insisted on coming with me.
- I spend a lot of money
- I saw the accident. The car crashed
- Chris prefers basketball
- Shakespeare's plays have been translated