



DEPENDENT PREPOSITIONS: VERB + PREPOSITION.

VERB + ON

INSIST ON	Simon insisted on paying for everything when we went out.
CONGRATULATE ON	I congratulated her on her marriage.
INSIST ON /UPON	He insisted on helping with all the housework. He is the perfect husband!
SPEND ON	I spent too much money on chocolates last Valentine's Day.
FOCUS ON	I'm going to focus on environmental issues in my next speech.
CONCENTRATE ON	I can't concentrate on what I'm doing with the music so loud!
TAKE REVENGE ON	He took revenge on her ex-boyfriend by spreading some dirty rumours about how he got his money.
RELY ON	You can rely on Jill. He always keeps her promises.
INFLICT ON	Iran's nuclear bombs can inflict more damage on America than the World War II.
DEPEND ON	"What time will you be home?" "I don't know. It depends on traffic."
LIVE ON	Michael's salary is very low. It's not enough to live on .

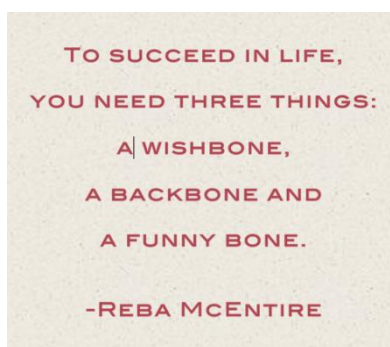


VERB + IN

INVEST IN	My parents invested a lot of money in our new house.
SPECIALISE IN	My sister specialised in marketing and sales.
TRUST IN	You can trust in her, she will say nothing.

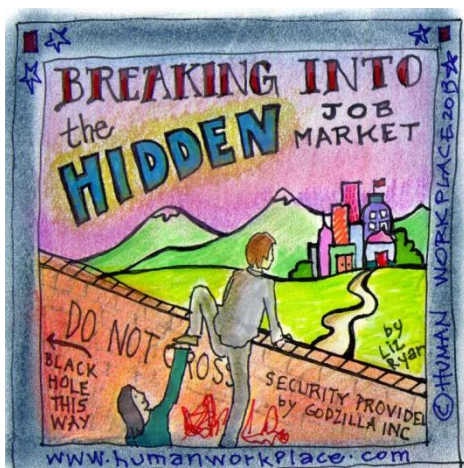


CONFIDE IN	You can confide in her, she will say nothing.
PLAY A ROLE IN	Our childhood plays an important role in our lives.
BELIEVE IN	Do you believe in God?
SUCCEED IN	I hope you succeed in finding the job you want.



VERB + INTO

BREAK INTO	Our house was broken into a few days ago, but nothing was stolen.
CRASH/DRIVE/CUT/ SPLIT INTO	He lost control of the car and crashed into a wall.
TRANSLATE something INTO	Ken Follett's books have been translated into many languages.



VERB + OF

THINK OF*	I think of you most of the time. I fell for you.
DREAM OF / ABOUT	I always dream of winning the lottery!



APPROVE OF	His parents don't approve of what he does, but they can't stop him.
DISAPPROVE OF	His parents disapprove of what he does, but they can't stop him.
ACCUSE OF	Sue accused me of being selfish.
SUSPECT OF	Some students were suspected of having cheated in the exam.
CONSIST OF	We had an enormous meal. It consisted of seven courses.
DISPOSED OF	Unwanted items in the classroom will be disposed of in one week.
BOAST OF / ABOUT	He is always boasting of his new incredible job.
DIE OF / FROM	"What did he die of ?" "A heart attack."

(* If you see this symbol, the verb can be followed by different prepositions with a change of meaning)



VERB + FOR

THANK FOR	Thanks for helping me with my English Exam.
EXCUSE FOR	Excuse me for interrupting, but can I take a picture with you?
FORGIVE FOR	I'll never forgive them for what they did.
PAY FOR	I didn't have enough money to pay for the meal.
APOLOGISE FOR / ABOUT	When I realised I was wrong, I apologised (to them) for my advice.
APPLY FOR	You have to apply for the job, it's your dream job!
CRITIZE FOR	He was highly critized for her love affair.
BLAME FOR	Everybody blamed me for the accident. Everybody said that I was to blame for the accident.
LOOK FOR =(SEARCH)	"What are you looking for ?" "My book, I haven't seen it for a while."



SEARCH FOR	I've searched the house for my keys, but I still can't find them.
ASK (somebody) FOR	"I wrote to the company asking them for more information about the job"
WAIT FOR	Don't wait for me. I'll join you later.



VERB + TO

LEAD TO	Everything we did wrong led us to that big problem.
LOOK FORWARD TO	I look forward to hearing from you soon.
CONFIDE something TO	You can trust her. I confide several secrets to her, she never said a word.
COMPARE TO	If you compare this meal to what we ate yesterday, I think this trip is getting better!
LEARN* TO	I learned to ride when I was 8 years old.
APPEAL TO	Is this image going to appeal to young people?
LEND TO	I lent some money to my brother last Summer.
COMPLAIN TO (someone) ABOUT (something)	I'm going to complain to the manager!
LISTEN TO	Please listen to me. I'm trying to talk to you.
TALK/SPEAK TO	She is speaking to her boyfriend right now.
WRITE TO	I wrote this letter to my mother, but I don't know if she will read it. She is really busy.

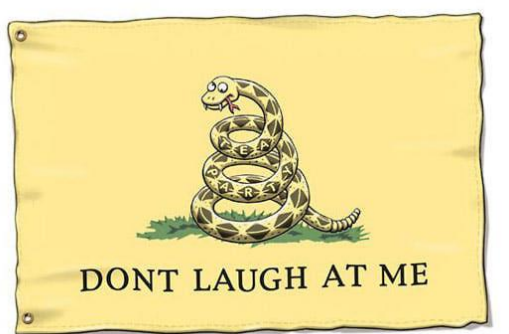


EXPLAIN TO	Please, explain to them what is happening.
APOLOGISE TO (someone) for (something)	You have to apologise to your sister.



VERB + AT

LOOK / STARE / GLANCE AT	Why are you looking at me like that?
LAUGHT AT	I look stupid with this haircut. Everybody will laugh at me.
AIM AT	This film is aimed at young people, the actors are almost kids!
POINT AT	Don't point that knife at me. It's dangerous.



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VERB + WITH

ASSOCIATE WITH	These pubs have been associated with some suspicious activities.
COINCIDE WITH	To coincide with the album release – they are going to visit the city.
REACT WITH / TO	My mother failed to react with all the problems she had.
PROVIDE somebody WITH	The school provides all its students with books.



SUPPLY somebody WITH	The government will supply African people with more than 1000000\$
FILL something WITH	Take this saucepan and fill it with water.
COLLIDE WITH	There was an accident this morning. A bus collided with a car.

VERB + FROM

PREVENT FROM	I want to prevent you from going. It will be pretty hard.
BENEFIT FROM	What are the benefits from doing exercise every day?
REFRAIN FROM	Refrain from saying anything. You said enough for today.
SUFFER FROM	I've been suffering from acne for almost 5 years.
LEARN* FROM	We all learn from experience.
BORROW FROM	I borrowed some money from the bank.
PROTECT FROM	We need to protect this area from deforestation.

