

I can use a wide range of verbs that are followed by a preposition.

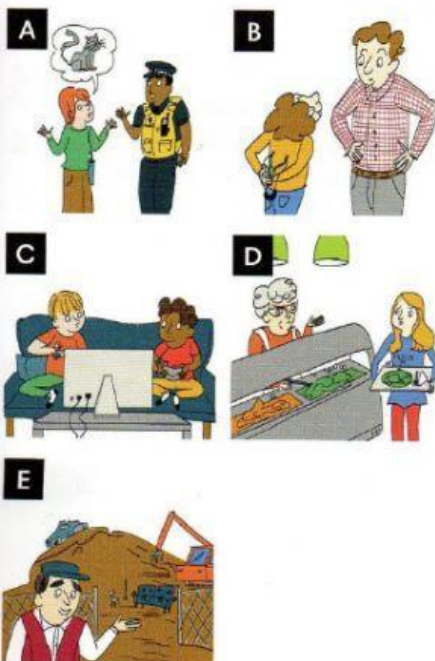
1 Choose the correct option.

- What are you complaining on / about now?
- Yuck! This food smells of / about old clothes!
- Have you prepared on / for your job interview?
- Ssh! I need to concentrate on / in my homework!
- At this school we believe in / on dedication and hard work.
- Can you help me deal with / for this problem?

2 Complete the sentences with the prepositions below. Then match the sentences with pictures A-E.

about for in of on

- ☒ I'm worried about the exam. I haven't studied at all!
- ☐ Don't worry, Mrs. Atkins. We'll find Timmy. You can depend on us.
- ☐ We specialise in antique furniture.
- ☐ Can I apologise for something I'm going to do?
- ☐ What exactly does this dish consist of?



3 Write the words below in the correct column.

apologise apply believe compare ~~complain~~ concentrate
consist cope depend smell succeed worry

about	for	in	of	on	with
<u>complain</u>					

4 Find and correct the mistakes in the sentences. One sentence is correct.

- That company specialises ~~on~~ making birthday cakes.
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- The book consists with four parts.
- Don't worry for picking me up tonight - I'll get the bus.
- I really can't cope with all my homework this week.
- You should apologise of what you said.
- You shouldn't compare yourself about others.
- If you want to succeed on this class, you'll need to do extra reading.
- I'm not sure - it depends of the situation.

5 Complete the text with one word in each gap.

Getting ahead

What's the secret to succeeding ¹in your life and at school? Some people say it's believing ² in yourself. Others say it's concentrating ³ on what you have to do. Recent research suggests that it might, in fact, be ... behaving badly! Studytech, a research company that specialises ⁴ in effective study strategies, recently studied the behaviour of hundreds of successful students and discovered that those who argue ⁵ with their classmates and teachers more than usual are those who get good grades. These people rarely or never apologise ⁶ for mistakes they have made and never worry ⁷ about offending other people. They also complain ⁸ about situations loudly when they don't like them. The behaviour of the students interviewed also consisted ⁹ of things like taking the credit for other people's work and arriving late for class. Although they are usually disliked, classmates like the fact that they can depend ¹⁰ on these people and find they are the best at dealing ¹¹ with difficult situations.