



EXTRA MATERIAL

## Verb and preposition combinations



Match the verbs (1-7) with the prepositions and phrases (a-g).

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|----------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| 1. respond     | a) in their employees' abilities.             |
| 2. listen      | b) to a deputy as often as possible.          |
| 3. deal        | c) to employees' concerns promptly.           |
| 4. believe     | d) with colleagues clearly.                   |
| 5. delegate    | e) with problems quickly.                     |
| 6. communicate | f) in regular training courses for employees. |
| 7. invest      | g) to all suggestions from staff.             |

Say whether the following combine with someone or something.

**TIP:** Some verbs combine with more than one preposition. For example, "He reports to the Marketing Director." (to a person); "The Sales Manager reported on last month's sales figures." (on a thing)

|               | Someone | Something | Both |
|---------------|---------|-----------|------|
| Report to     | x       |           |      |
| Report on     |         |           | x    |
| Apologize for |         |           |      |
| Apologize to  |         |           |      |
| Talk to       |         |           |      |
| Talk about    |         |           |      |
| Agree with    |         |           |      |
| Agree on      |         |           |      |
| Argue about   |         |           |      |
| Argue with    |         |           |      |



Complete these sentences with suitable prepositions from the previous exercise.

1. I agreed ***with*** her that we need to change our marketing strategy.
2. I talk ..... my boss every Monday at our regular meeting.
3. We argued ..... next year's budget for over an hour.
4. He apologized ..... losing his temper.
5. We talked ..... our financial problems for a long time.
6. The Finance Director argued ..... our Managing Director over profit sharing.
7. I apologized ..... Paula for giving her the wrong figures.
8. Can we agree ..... the date of our next meeting?