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Using prepositions: with nouns

1 Tick the correct sentence in each pair.

- 1 a Many newspaper articles are also available on the internet now.
b Many newspaper articles are also available through the internet now.
- 2 a There are three main reasons of this change.
b There are three main reasons for this change.

We use the preposition *on* to talk about information or pictures we access or see using a computer or other screen, such as a television:

*You can easily check the train times **on the internet**.*

*More information is available **on** the university website.*

*You can download music and store it **on** your computer.*

*We see such scenes every night **on** the TV news.*

We often use the preposition *for* with the noun *reason*:

*a reason for something: No one explained the **reason for** the delay.*

*a reason for doing something: There are many **reasons for** choosing a small car.*

*for a reason: He was forced to leave early **for** family **reasons**.*

Due to is also used to introduce a reason for something. *Due to* already contains the idea of a reason, so we do not use *due to + a reason*:

*The flight was delayed **due to** technical problems.*

or *The flight was delayed **for** technical reasons.*

not ~~*The flight was delayed **due to** technical reasons.*~~

2 Correct the mistake below.

According to a statement in his website, he left the club for personal reasons.

According to a statement



3 Use the words below (in the same order) to create sentences. Add any necessary prepositions or articles, and put the verbs in an appropriate form.

- 1 Young people / copy / role models / they / see / television
- 2 Band / cancel / performance / personal / reasons
- 3 Building / closed / public / safety concerns
- 4 Prime Minister / appear / last night / BBC current affairs programme
- 5 She / not / give / reason / be / late
- 6 Many people / now / book / holidays / internet
- 7 They / spend / eight hours / day / work / computer
- 8 Then / error message / suddenly / appear / screen