approval

1 Verb + approval

Use the correct form of these verbs:

give *meet with* *need*
seek *show* *win*

1. The board of directors talked over the proposal and decided to ..... it their approval.
2. My plans for the new house are complete – now all I ..... is approval to build it.
3. The audience ..... their approval by calling for encore after encore, then giving them a standing ovation.
4. She desperately wants to ..... her father's approval.
5. We'll have to ..... approval from head office before spending any more on this project.
6. The council's plans for new traffic measures have ..... the approval of local residents.

2 Common adjective collocations

Choose the correct adjective in the following:

1. Most guarantees on anything you buy now state that if the goods do not meet with your ..... approval, you may return them within 30 days of purchase – as long as you still have the receipt! *(full / detailed)*
2. You need ..... approval from the local council before you can build a garage in your garden. *(official / legal)*
3. Much against his wishes, the founder of the troubled company was forced to give his ..... approval to the takeover plans. *(reluctant / grudging)*
4. Last night's committee meeting gave ..... approval to your plan for a new day centre for elderly people. There wasn't even one vote against. *(complete / unanimous)*
5. The constitution of the USA requires the President to seek the ..... approval of Congress for any kind of military action. *(previous / prior)*
6. Incredibly, the proposed changes to the voting system have met with ..... approval. There have been very few objections. *(majority / widespread)*

3 Noun + of + approval

Use these nouns to complete the sentences:

nod *roar*
seal *sign*

1. Last week the government gave its ..... of approval to the deal.
2. There was a ..... of approval from the crowd when Nevin was replaced by Beckham.
3. The children longed for some ..... of affection or approval from their mother.
4. I was pleased when I saw my teacher in the audience giving me a ..... of approval.

4 Preposition + approval

Complete the sentences with these prepositions:

on *without*
for *in*

1. The architects sent the designs of the shopping centre to the planning department ..... their approval.
2. When we suggested spending £10,000 on new computers, several people at the meeting nodded ..... approval.
3. I'm sorry, I can't agree to anything ..... my partner's approval.
4. These goods are supplied ..... approval. That means you can return them if they are not satisfactory.

Go back and underline the full prepositional expressions.

Notes

1. The phrase used in 3-1 is a common thing to say in speech. For example:
   Are we going to have the meeting in London or Leeds?
   > Well, Leeds would definitely have my seal of approval.
2. Notice the large number of adjectives which mean full approval: *total, 100%, unqualified, wholehearted, overwhelming, unanimous, universal, widespread.*
3. A decision which has not been fully passed can be *subject to the approval of,* for example, the board, the council, the government etc.

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