

proposal

1 Verb + proposal

Use the correct form of these verbs:

approve consider change
back put forward ditch

1. Your new proposals are excellent. Make sure you have costed them carefully before you them at the next meeting of the board.
2. In the present economic climate, it will be an uphill struggle to get the new proposals for an increase in research spending
3. The President was forced to his proposals for a new space programme after Congress rejected it.
4. Now that I've had a chance to your proposal in more detail, I'm not so sure it's such a good idea after all.
5. The original proposals for the superstore had to be after objections were lodged by local residents.
6. I hope you're going to my proposal to have the staffroom redecorated. I need your support.

Go back and underline the verb collocations.

2 Proposal + verb

Use the correct form of these verbs:

aim at allow go ahead
backfire meet with work

1. These new proposals would more people to buy their own homes.
2. Your proposal is all very well in theory, but I don't think it will in practice.
3. The proposal to increase the managing director's salary by 50% stiff opposition from shareholders at the company AGM.
4. I don't think the latest proposals, breaking the political stalemate in the Middle East, have much chance of success.
5. Despite strong objections from the public, the proposal to de-nationalise water and now we're all paying more for it.
6. The Progressive Party's proposal to hold an enquiry into corruption when it was disclosed that several party officials have been arrested on suspicion of accepting bribes!

3 Noun + preposition + proposal

Complete the sentences with these expressions:

concern over consideration of in favour of
close look at reactions to support for

1. After careful your proposal, I regret to say that we were unable to give it our approval.
2. A recent poll suggests there is widespread the proposal to spend more on the health service.
3. So far, the proposal for a new community newspaper have been favourable.
4. Leading scientists have voiced their proposals to build five more nuclear power stations before 2020.
5. Everyone this proposal, please raise your hand.
6. We will be taking a the latest proposals in the next few weeks to see if they are viable in the long term.



"All those in favour of the proposal?"

Notes

1. In 1-2 *accepted* is also possible.
2. Note the following expressions:
Under the original proposal, most families would have been £30 a week better off.
3. Note the verb-adverb collocations in the following:
The party voted overwhelmingly against the proposal to increase taxes.
The proposal for a new theatre was unanimously approved by the city council. They gave it their full backing.
4. A *proposal* also means an offer of marriage:
Martin was heartbroken when I rejected his proposal.