

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

### 1 Choose the correct option.

- 1 What are you complaining *on / about* now?
- 2 Yuck! This food smells *of / about* old clothes!
- 3 Have you prepared *on / for* your job interview?
- 4 Ssh! I need to concentrate *on / in* my homework!
- 5 At this school we believe *in / on* dedication and hard work.
- 6 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.

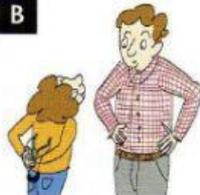
about for in of on

- 1  I'm worried *about* the exam. I haven't studied at all!
- 2  Don't worry, Mrs. Atkins. We'll find Timmy. You can depend \_\_\_\_\_ us.
- 3  We specialise \_\_\_\_\_ antique furniture.
- 4  Can I apologise \_\_\_\_\_ something I'm going to do?
- 5  What exactly does this dish consist \_\_\_\_\_?

A



B



C



D



E



### 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
<i>complain</i>	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

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

- 1 That company specialises ~~on~~ making birthday cakes.  
*in*
- 2 The book consists with four parts.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 3 Don't worry for picking me up tonight - I'll get the bus.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 4 I really can't cope with all my homework this week.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 5 You should apologise of what you said.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 6 You shouldn't compare yourself about others.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 7 If you want to succeed on this class, you'll need to do extra reading.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 8 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 <sup>1</sup>*in* your life and at school? Some people say it's believing <sup>2</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ yourself. Others say it's concentrating <sup>3</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ what you have to do. Recent research suggests that it might, in fact, be ... behaving badly! Studytech, a research company that specialises <sup>4</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ effective study strategies, recently studied the behaviour of hundreds of successful students and discovered that those who argue <sup>5</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ their classmates and teachers more than usual are those who get good grades. These people rarely or never apologise <sup>6</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ mistakes they have made and never worry <sup>7</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ offending other people. They also complain <sup>8</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ situations loudly when they don't like them. The behaviour of the students interviewed also consisted <sup>9</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ 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 <sup>10</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ these people and find they are the best at dealing <sup>11</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ difficult situations.