

37 Noun + preposition

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

- Is there an **alternative to** prison for serious crime or less serious crime?
- Should young people have **experience of** working when they are still at school?
- What do you think about the **rise in** the number of women in politics?
- What are the **advantages of** living in a big city?
- Do you think young people should have more **respect for** older people?
- Is there a **need for** more and better roads in your country?
- What is the **connection between** drugs and crime?
- What is the main **cause of** poverty in our society?
- Do you have any **doubts about** the safety of the food we produce?

GLOSSARY

alternative (to sth/sb)	a thing that you can choose instead of another thing
experience (of sth)	knowing about sth because you have seen it or done it
rise (in sth)	when the amount or level of sth goes up OPP fall (in sth)
advantage (of sth)	sth that helps you or is useful OPP disadvantage (of sth)
respect (for sb/sth)	the feeling you have when you have a high opinion of sb/sth
need (for sth)	a situation in which you must do (sth) or have sth
connection (between A and B)	the way that one thing is joined or related to another
cause (of sth)	a thing or person that makes sth happen
poverty	the state of being poor: <i>A lot of people are living in poverty.</i>
doubt (about sth)	a feeling of being uncertain about sth or not believing in sth

SPOTLIGHT preposition + -ing form

If a preposition is followed directly by a verb, it will be an -ing form, not an infinitive.

- *What is the advantage of staying here?*
- *I don't have any experience of living in another country.*

1 Underline the main stress in these words. Use the **APP** to help you. Practise saying the words.

▶ respect 1 alternative 2 advantage 3 experience 4 connection 5 poverty 6 disadvantage

2 Complete the sentences with the correct preposition.

- ▶ Do you have experience of working abroad?
- 1 There is a need for much better medical services.
 - 2 I think the weather is the main advantage of living here.
 - 3 Do people have respect for police officers in your country?
 - 4 What is the main cause of plane crashes?
 - 5 There is obviously a connection between health and diet.
 - 6 I don't have any doubts about the politician I voted for this year.
 - 7 Better public transport is the only alternative to more cars on the roads.
 - 8 There has been a fall in the birth rate.

3 Complete the sentences with the correct noun and preposition.

- ▶ Why is there a need for more houses?
- 1 There has been a rise in global temperatures in the last ten years.
 - 2 I think noise is the main disadvantage of living in the city centre.
 - 3 Some experts have serious doubts about the safety of nuclear power.
 - 4 A lot of people don't like politicians and don't have respect for them.
 - 5 I have worked with adults but I don't have any experience of working with children.
 - 6 What do you think is the main cause of cancer?
 - 7 Is there a cheap alternative to petrol cars?
 - 8 I think there is a strong connection between poverty and crime.

4 ABOUT YOU Write answers to the questions at the top of the page, or talk to another student.



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