

## A

## Noun + for ...

## a demand / a need FOR ...

- The company closed down because there wasn't enough **demand for** its product.
- There's no excuse for behaviour like that. There's no **need for** it.

## a reason FOR ...

- The train was late, but nobody knew the **reason for** the delay. (not reason of)

## B

## Noun + of ...

## an advantage / a disadvantage OF ...

- The **advantage of living alone** is that you can do what you like.

but

## there is an advantage in (or to) doing something

- There are** many advantages **in** living alone. or ... many advantages **to** living alone.

## a cause OF ...

- The **cause of** the explosion is unknown.

## a picture / a photo / a photograph / a map / a plan / a drawing (etc.) OF ...

- Rachel showed me some **pictures of** her family.
- I had a **map of** the town, so I was able to find my way around.

## C

## Noun + in ...

## an increase / a decrease / a rise / a fall IN (prices etc.)

- There has been an **increase in** the number of road accidents recently.
- Last year was a bad one for the company. There was a big **fall in** sales.

## D

## Noun + to ...

## damage TO ...

- The accident was my fault, so I had to pay for the **damage to** the other car.

## an invitation TO ... (a party / a wedding etc.)

- Did you get an **invitation to** the party?

## a solution TO (a problem) / a key TO (a door) / an answer TO (a question) / a reply TO (a letter) / a reaction TO ...

- I hope we find a **solution to** the problem. (not a solution of the problem)
- I was surprised at her **reaction to** my suggestion.

## an attitude TO ... or an attitude TOWARDS ...

- His **attitude to** his job is very negative. or His **attitude towards** his job ...

## E

## Noun + with ... / between ...

## a relationship / a connection / contact WITH ...

- Do you have a good **relationship with** your parents?
- The police want to question a man in **connection with** the robbery.

but

## a relationship / a connection / contact / a difference BETWEEN two things or people

- The police believe that there is no **connection between** the two crimes.
- There are some **differences between** British and American English.

# Exercises

## 129.1 Complete the second sentence so that it has the same meaning as the first.

- What caused the explosion? What was the cause of the explosion?
- We're trying to solve the problem.  
We're trying to find a solution.
- Sue gets on well with her brother.  
Sue has a good relationship.
- The cost of living has gone up a lot.  
There has been a big increase.
- I don't know how to answer your question.  
I can't think of an answer.
- I don't think that a new road is necessary.  
I don't think there is any need.
- I think that working at home has many advantages.  
I think that there are many advantages.
- The number of people without jobs fell last month.  
Last month there was a fall.
- Nobody wants to buy shoes like these any more.  
There is no demand.
- In what way is your job different from mine?  
What is the difference?

## 129.2 Complete the sentences using these nouns + a preposition:

cause	connection	contact	damage	invitation
key	map	photographs	reason	reply

- On the wall there were some pictures and a map of the world.
- Thank you for the map to your party next week.
- Since she left home two years ago, Sophie has had little contact with her family.
- I can't open this door. Do you have a key to the other door?
- The cause of the fire at the hotel last week is still unknown.
- Did you get a reply to the email you sent to the company?
- The two companies are completely independent. There is no connection between them.
- Jane showed me some old photographs of the city as it looked 100 years ago.
- Carol has decided to give up her job. I don't know her reason for doing this.
- It wasn't a bad accident. The cause of the car wasn't serious.

## 129.3 Complete the sentences with the correct preposition.

- There are some differences between British and American English.
- Money isn't the solution to every problem.
- There has been an increase in the amount of traffic using this road.
- The advantage of having a car is that you don't have to rely on public transport.
- There are many advantages of being able to speak a foreign language.
- Everything can be explained. There's a reason for everything.
- When Paul left home, his attitude towards his parents seemed to change.
- Ben and I used to be good friends, but I don't have much contact with him now.
- There has been a sharp rise in property prices in the past few years.
- What was Sarah's reaction to the news?
- If I give you the camera, can you take a picture of me?
- The company has rejected the workers' demands for a rise in pay.
- What was the answer to question 3 in the test?
- The fact that Jane was offered a job has no connection with the fact that she is a friend of the managing director.