Unit 129

Noun + preposition (**reason for, cause of** etc.)

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.

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Exercises

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

1 What caused the explosion? What was the cause of the explosion ?
2 We're trying to solve the problem.
We're trying to find a solution .
3 Sue gets on well with her brother.
Sue has a good relationship .
4 The cost of living has gone up a lot.
There has been a big increase .
5 I don't know how to answer your question.
I can't think of an answer .
6 I don't think that a new road is necessary.
I don't think there is any need .
7 I think that working at home has many advantages.
I think that there are many advantages .
8 The number of people without jobs fell last month.
Last month there was a fall .
9 Nobody wants to buy shoes like these any more.
There is no demand .
10 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**

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

129.3 Complete the sentences with the correct preposition.

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

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