

## A

## Verb + of

**accuse / suspect** somebody **OF** ...

- ☐ Sue **accused** me **of** being selfish.
- ☐ Some students were **suspected of** cheating in the exam.

**approve / disapprove OF** ...

- ☐ His parents don't **approve of** what he does, but they can't stop him.

**die OF or FROM** an illness etc.

- ☐ 'What did he **die of**?' 'A heart attack.'

**consist OF** ...

- ☐ We had an enormous meal. It **consisted of** seven courses.

## B

## Verb + for

**pay** (somebody) **FOR** ...

- ☐ I didn't have enough money to **pay for** the meal. (*not pay the meal*)
- but pay a bill / a fine / a fee / tax / rent / a sum of money etc. (no preposition)*
- ☐ I didn't have enough money to **pay the rent**.

**thank / forgive** somebody **FOR** ...

- ☐ I'll never **forgive** them **for** what they did.

**apologise (TO somebody) FOR** ...

- ☐ When I realised I was wrong, I **apologised (to them) for** my mistake.

**blame** somebody/something **FOR** ... , somebody is **to blame FOR** ...

- ☐ Everybody **blamed** me **for** the accident.
- ☐ Everybody said that I was **to blame for** the accident.

**blame** (a problem etc.) **ON** ...

- ☐ The accident wasn't my fault. Don't **blame** it **on** me.

## C

## Verb + from

**suffer FROM** an illness etc.

- ☐ There's been an increase in the number of people **suffering from** heart disease.

**protect** somebody/something **FROM**

- ☐ Sun block **protects** the skin **from** the sun.

## D

## Verb + on

**depend / rely ON** ...

- ☐ 'What time will you be home?' 'I don't know. It **depends on** the traffic.'
- ☐ You can **rely on** Anna. She always keeps her promises.

You can use **depend + when/where/how** etc. with or without **on**:

- ☐ 'Are you going to buy it?' 'It **depends how much** it is.' (*or It depends on how much*)

**live ON** money/food

- ☐ Michael's salary is very low. It isn't enough to **live on**.

**congratulate / compliment** somebody **ON** ...

- ☐ I **congratulated** her **on** doing so well in her exams.
- ☐ The meal was really good. I **complimented** Mark **on** his cooking skills.

## 135.1 Put in the correct preposition. If no preposition is necessary, leave the space empty.

- Some students were suspected of cheating in the exam.
- Are you going to apologise for what you did?
- The apartment consists of three rooms, a kitchen and bathroom.
- I was accused of lying, but I was telling the truth.
- We finished our meal, paid for the bill, and left the restaurant.
- The accident was my fault, so I had to pay for the repairs.
- Some people are dying of hunger, while others eat too much.
- I called Helen to thank her for the present she sent me.
- The government is popular. Most people approve of what they're doing.
- Do you blame the government for the economic situation?
- When something goes wrong, you always blame it on other people.

## 135.2 Complete the second sentence so that it means the same as the first.

- Sue said that I was selfish.  
Sue accused me of being selfish.
- The misunderstanding was my fault, so I apologised.  
I apologised for the misunderstanding.
- Jane won the tournament, so I congratulated her.  
I congratulated her on winning the tournament.
- He has enemies, and he has a bodyguard to protect him.  
He has a bodyguard to protect him from his enemies.
- There are eleven players in a football team.  
A football team consists of eleven players.
- Sandra eats only bread and eggs.  
Sandra lives on bread and eggs.
- You can't say that your problems are my fault.  
You can't blame your problems on me.

## 135.3 Complete the sentences using these verbs (in the correct form) + a preposition:

accuse   apologise   ~~approve~~   congratulate   depend   live   pay   suffer

- His parents don't approve of what he does, but they can't stop him.
- When you went to the theatre with Paul, who paid for the tickets?
- It's not pleasant when you are accused of something you didn't do.
- We hope to go to the beach tomorrow, but it depends on the weather.
- Things are cheap there. You can live on very little money.
- You were rude to Lisa. I think you should apologise to her.
- Alex suffers from back pain. He spends too much time working at his desk.
- When I saw David, I congratulated him on passing his driving test.

## 135.4 Put in the correct preposition. If no preposition is necessary, leave the space empty.

- I'll never forgive them for what they did.
- They wore warm clothes to protect themselves from the cold.
- You know you can always rely on me if you need any help.
- Sophie doesn't have enough money to pay for her college fees.
- She's often unwell. She suffers from very bad headaches.
- I don't know whether I'll go out tonight. It depends on how I feel.
- She hasn't got a job. She depends on her parents for money.
- My usual breakfast consists of fruit, cereal and coffee.
- I complimented her on her English. She spoke really well.