Unit 135

Verb + preposition 4 **of/for/from/on**

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.

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Exercises

Unit 135

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 His parents don't approve of what he does, but they can't stop him.
2 When you went to the theatre with Paul, who ..... the tickets?
3 It's not pleasant when you are ..... something you didn't do.
4 We hope to go to the beach tomorrow, but it ..... the weather.
5 Things are cheap there. You can ..... very little money.
6 You were rude to Lisa. I think you should ..... her.
7 Alex ..... back pain. He spends too much time working at his desk.
8 When I saw David, I ..... him ..... passing his driving test.

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

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

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