

A

Verb + in

believe IN ...

- Do you **believe in** God? (= Do you believe that God exists?)
- I **believe in** saying what I think. (= I believe it is right to say what I think)
- but believe** something (= believe it is true), **believe** somebody (= believe they are telling the truth)
- The story can't be true. I don't **believe it**. (not believe in it)

specialise IN ...

- Helen is a lawyer. She **specialises in** company law.

succeed IN ...

- I hope you **succeed in** finding the job you want.

B

Verb + into

break INTO ...

- Our house was **broken into** a few days ago, but nothing was stolen.

crash / drive / bump / run INTO ...

- He lost control of the car and **crashed into** a wall.

divide / cut / split something INTO two or more parts

- The book is **divided into** three parts.

translate a book etc. FROM one language INTO another

- She's a famous writer. Her books have been **translated into** many languages.

C

Verb + with

collide WITH ...

- There was an accident this morning. A bus **collided with** a car.

fill something WITH ... (but full of ... ~ see Unit 131B)

- Take this saucepan and **fill it with** water.

provide / supply somebody WITH ...

- The school **provides** all its students **with** books.

D

Verb + to

happen TO ...

- What **happened to** that gold watch you used to have? (= where is it now?)

invite somebody TO a party / a wedding etc.

- They only **invited** a few people **to** their wedding.

prefer one thing/person TO another

- I **prefer** tea **to** coffee.

E

Verb + on

concentrate ON ...

- I tried to **concentrate on** my work, but I kept thinking about other things.

insist ON ...

- I wanted to go alone, but some friends of mine **insisted on** coming with me.

spend (money) ON ...

- How much do you **spend on** food each week?

Exercises

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

believe concentrate divide drive fill happen insist invite succeed

- I wanted to go alone, but my friends insisted on coming with me.
- I haven't seen Mike for ages. I wonder what has him.
- We've been the party, but unfortunately we can't go.
- It's a very large house. It's four apartments.
- I don't ghosts. I think people imagine that they see them.
- Steve gave me an empty bucket and told me to it water.
- I was driving along when the car in front stopped suddenly. I couldn't stop in time and the back of it.
- Don't try and do two things together. one thing at a time.
- It wasn't easy, but in the end we finding a solution to the problem.

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

- There was a collision between a bus and a car.
A bus collided with a car
- I don't mind big cities, but I prefer small towns.
I prefer
- I got all the information I needed from Jane.
Jane provided me
- This morning I bought a pair of shoes which cost £70.
This morning I spent
- There are ten districts in the city.
The city is divided

136.3 Put in the correct preposition. If the sentence is already complete, leave the space empty.

- The school provides all its students with books.
- A strange thing happened me a few days ago.
- Mark decided to give up sport to concentrate his studies.
- Money should be used well. I don't believe wasting it.
- My present job isn't wonderful, but I prefer it what I did before.
- I hope you succeed getting what you want.
- As I was coming out of the room, I collided somebody who was coming in.
- There was an awful noise as the car crashed a tree.
- Patrick is a photographer. He specialises sports photography.
- Do you spend a lot of money clothes?
- I was amazed when Joe walked into the room. I couldn't believe it.
- Somebody broke my car and stole the radio.
- I was quite cold, but Tom insisted having the window open.
- The teacher decided to split the class four groups.
- I filled the tank, but unfortunately I filled it the wrong kind of petrol.
- Some words are difficult to translate one language another.

136.4 Use your own ideas to complete these sentences. Use a preposition.

- I wanted to go out alone, but my friend insisted on coming with me.
- I spend a lot of money
- I saw the accident. The car crashed
- Chris prefers basketball
- The restaurant we went to specialises
- Shakespeare's plays have been translated