

## 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?

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

believe   concentrate   divide   drive   fill   happen   ~~insist~~   invite   succeed

- 1 I wanted to go alone, but my friends insisted on coming with me.
- 2 I haven't seen Mike for ages. I wonder what has ..... him.
- 3 We've been ..... the party, but unfortunately we can't go.
- 4 It's a very large house. It's ..... four apartments.
- 5 I don't ..... ghosts. I think people imagine that they see them.
- 6 Steve gave me an empty bucket and told me to ..... it ..... water.
- 7 I was driving along when the car in front stopped suddenly. I couldn't stop in time and ..... the back of it.
- 8 Don't try and do two things together. .... one thing at a time.
- 9 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.

- 1 There was a collision between a bus and a car.  
A bus collided with a car .....
- 2 I don't mind big cities, but I prefer small towns.  
I prefer .....
- 3 I got all the information I needed from Jane.  
Jane provided me .....
- 4 This morning I bought a pair of shoes which cost £70.  
This morning I spent .....
- 5 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.

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

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

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