Unit 136

Verb + preposition 5 in/into/with/to/on

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?

Verb + preposition + **-ing** → Unit 62 Other verbs + **to** → Unit 132 Oth[illegible] → Unit [illegible]

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Exercises

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 .....

→ Additional exercise 36 (page 323)

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