95 Verbs with prepositions

cater
compensate
substitute — **FOR**

*The restaurant can **cater for** 100 people.*
*You can **substitute** water **for** milk in this recipe.*

differ
distinguish sth
distract sb
exclude sb — **FROM**

*I can't **distinguish** one twin **from** the other.*
*She **distracted** me **from** working.*
*I want to **exclude** fat **from** my diet.*

congratulate sb
embark
insist — **ON**

*I **congratulated** him **on** his result.*
*She **insisted on** going with me.*

accuse sb
deprive sb
dispose — **OF**

*They **deprived** the animals **of** food for days.*

adhere
cling
devote sth
surrender (sth) — **TO**

*We must **adhere to** the rules.*
*I had to **cling** to the side of the boat.*
*I **devote** an hour a day **to** work.*

confer
coincide
correspond
interact
proceed
reconcile sth — **WITH**

*We'll **confer with** the minister about postponing the meeting.*
*My account of the incident doesn't **correspond with** hers.*
*It was hard to **reconcile** his career ambitions **with** the needs of his children.*

GLOSSARY

confer (with sb) (on/about sth) *formal*	discuss sth with sb in order to exchange opinions or get advice
interact (with sb)	communicate with sb, especially when you are with them
proceed (with sth)	continue doing sth that has already started
coincide (with sth)	(of two or more events) take place at the same time
correspond (with sth)	be the same as or match sth
reconcile sth (with sth)	find an acceptable way of dealing with two or more ideas, needs, etc. that seem to be opposed to each other
adhere to sth *formal*	behave according to a particular law, rule, set of instructions, etc.
surrender (to sb)	admit you have been defeated and want to stop fighting
cling (on) to sth/sb	hold on tightly to sth/sb
devote sth to sth	give an amount of time, attention, etc. to sth
deprive sb/sth of sth	prevent sb from having or doing sth, especially sth important
dispose of sth	get rid of sth that you do not want or cannot keep
accuse sb (of sth)	say that sb has done sth wrong or is guilty of sth
distinguish sth (from sth)	recognize the difference between two people or things
exclude (sth from sth)	deliberately not include sth in what you are doing
differ (from sth/sb)	be different from sth/sb
distract sb/sth (from sth)	take sb's attention away from what they are trying to do
insist (on sth / doing sth)	demand that sth happens or that sb do something
embark on sth *formal*	start to do sth new or difficult
congratulate sb (on sth)	tell sb you are pleased about their success
cater for sth/sb	provide food and drinks for a social event
compensate sb (for sth)	provide sth good to balance or reduce the bad effects of damage, loss, etc. SYN **make up for sth**
substitute (sth) (for sth/sb)	take the place of sth/sb; use sth/sb instead of sth/sb else

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1 **Underline the stress on these words. Use the APP to help you.0**

proceed	interact	exclude	correspond	embark
reconcile	congratulate	distinguish	adhere	substitute

2 **Organize the verbs below into two groups: verbs which have a positive sense or suggest moving forward; and verbs which have a more negative sense or suggest that something is being removed.**

deprive	embark	interact	dispose	exclude
congratulate	proceed	surrender	confer	reconcile

MORE POSITIVE

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MORE NEGATIVE

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3 **Complete the sentences with the correct preposition.**

1 It wasn't necessary but he insisted _____ helping us.
2 Their views differ _____ mine.
3 The children were deprived _____ adequate food and clothing.
4 This letter corresponds _____ what they said in their email.
5 The party will coincide _____ my birthday.
6 I couldn't distinguish one trumpet _____ another.
7 They accused me _____ lying.
8 When are the team planning to embark _____ their polar expedition?

4 **Replace the underlined word(s) with another word that keeps the same meaning.**

1 I will have to <u>discuss this</u> with colleagues before I can give you an answer. .....
2 My aunt has for years <u>given</u> all her time to her sick elderly father. .....
3 I can't <u>tell</u> an American accent from a Canadian one. .....
4 We can <u>carry on</u> with our plan. .....
5 It's difficult to <u>communicate</u> with so many children at the same time. .....
6 We are going to <u>get rid</u> of that furniture. .....
7 I can't <u>provide food and drink</u> for that many people. .....
8 We must <u>stick firmly</u> to the rules and regulations set by the committee. .....
9 The lovely cucumbers we've grown will <u>make up</u> for the tomatoes we had to throw away. .....
10 The little boy had to <u>hold on tightly</u> to his mother's coat. .....

5 **Complete the sentences with the correct verb.**

1 Most of the rebel soldiers have _____ to the army and are now prisoners.
2 How do you _____ increased air travel with the need to protect the environment?
3 When my brother plays loud music, it really _____ me from working.
4 It was my treat, and I _____ on paying for everything.
5 If you are _____ of certain vitamins, your health will eventually suffer.
6 I _____ Sarah on her exam results. She was very pleased.
7 Nothing can really _____ for the loss of a loved one.
8 They often _____ me from their conversations. It makes me feel very lonely.
9 The type of cheese isn't important: you can _____ cheddar for parmesan.
10 Both parents _____ all of their free time to their children.

6 **Write the prepositions that usually follow these verbs. They are not only the prepositions used above, but the verbs have been taught elsewhere in this book. Use the Word List if necessary.**

cope _____ sth	relate _____ sb	subtract sth _____ sth
impose sth _____ sb	stare _____ sb	reflect _____ sth
stem _____ sth	opt _____ sth	

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