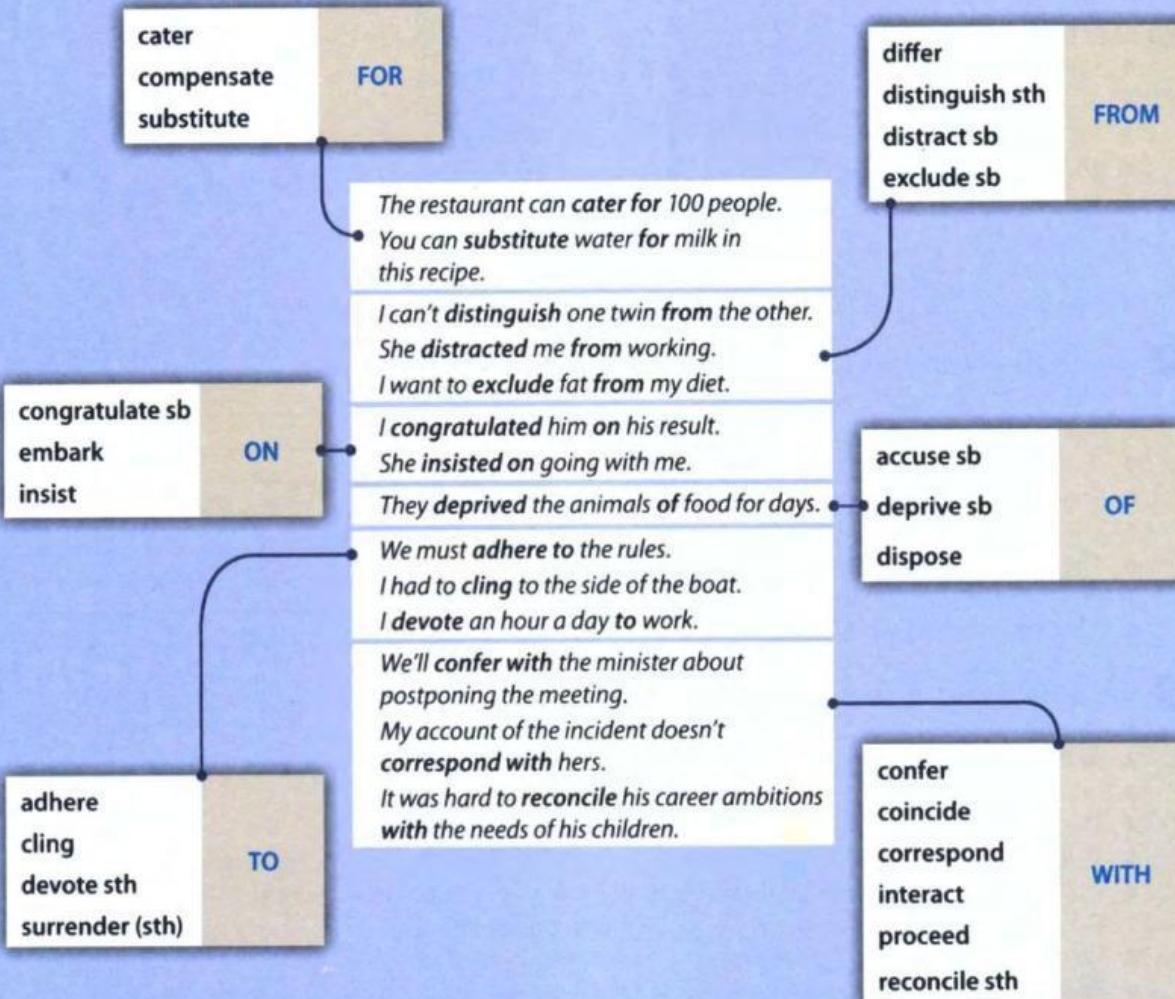


95 Verbs with prepositions



GLOSSARY

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

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

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

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

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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	

