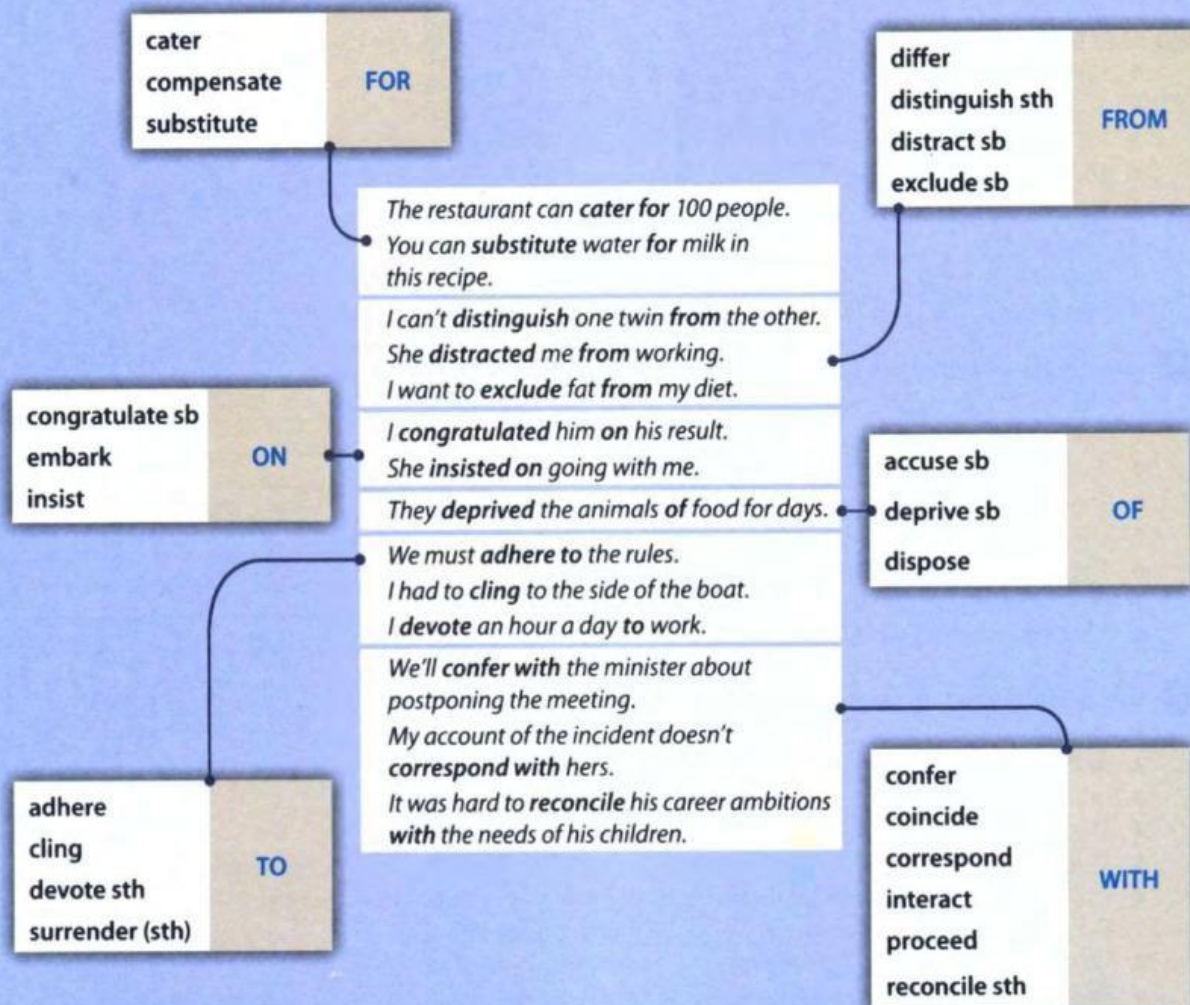


# 95 Verbs with prepositions



## GLOSSARY

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



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**

**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. ....

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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