



EXTRA MATERIAL

## Verb and preposition combinations



Match the verbs (1-7) with the prepositions and phrases (a-g).

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| 1. respond     | a) in their employees' abilities.             |
| 2. listen      | b) to a deputy as often as possible.          |
| 3. deal        | c) to employees' concerns promptly.           |
| 4. believe     | d) with colleagues clearly.                   |
| 5. delegate    | e) with problems quickly.                     |
| 6. communicate | f) in regular training courses for employees. |
| 7. invest      | g) to all suggestions from staff.             |

Say whether the following combine with someone or something.

**TIP:** Some verbs combine with more than one preposition. For example, "He reports to the Marketing Director." (to a person); "The Sales Manager reported on last month's sales figures." (on a thing)

	Someone	Something	Both
Report to	x		
Report on			x
Apologize for			
Apologize to			
Talk to			
Talk about			
Agree with			
Agree on			
Argue about			
Argue with			



Complete these sentences with suitable prepositions from the previous exercise.

1. I agreed ***with*** her that we need to change our marketing strategy.
2. I talk ..... my boss every Monday at our regular meeting.
3. We argued ..... next year's budget for over an hour.
4. He apologized ..... losing his temper.
5. We talked ..... our financial problems for a long time.
6. The Finance Director argued ..... our Managing Director over profit sharing.
7. I apologized ..... Paula for giving her the wrong figures.
8. Can we agree ..... the date of our next meeting?