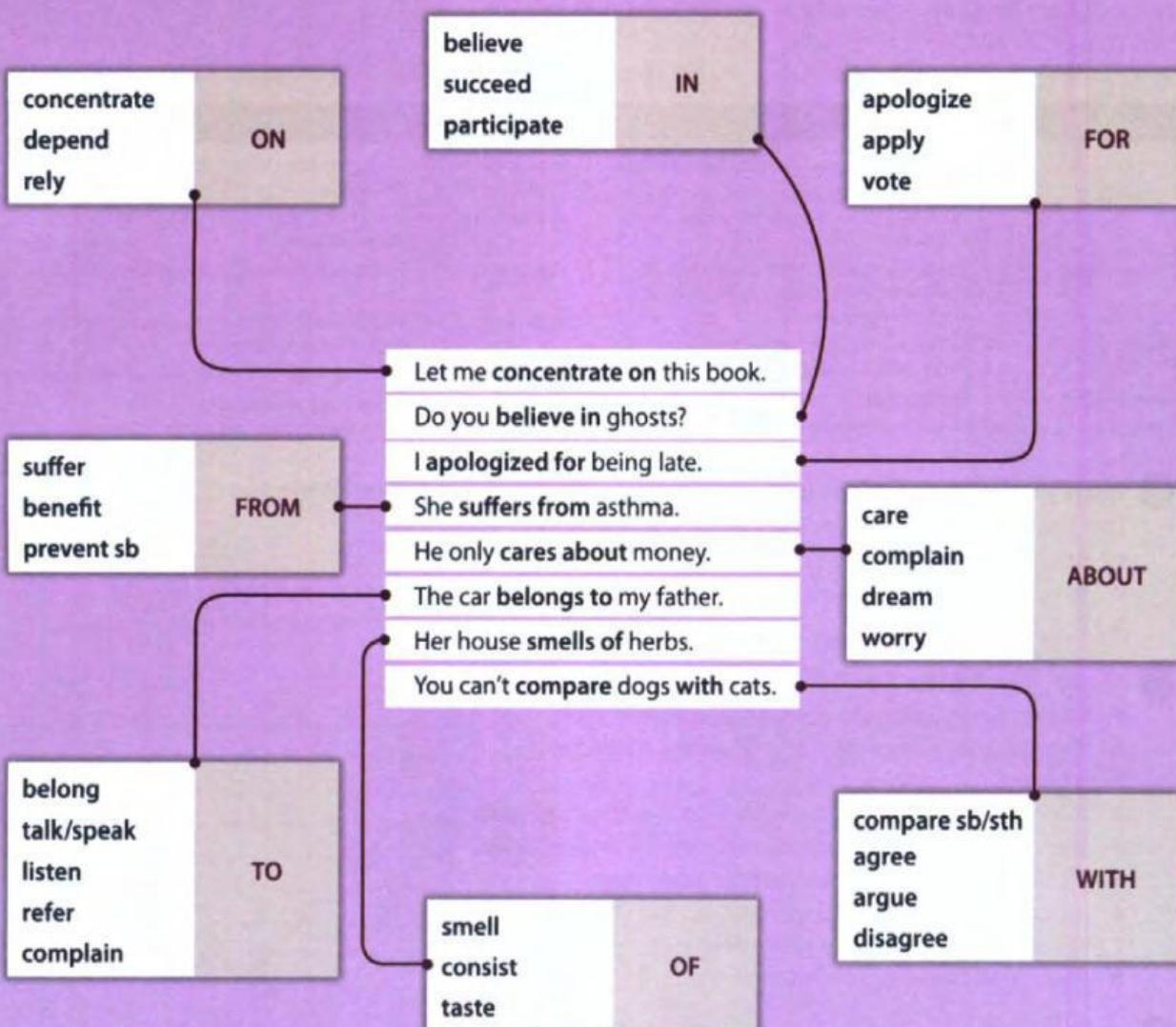


# 36 Verb + preposition

Some of the verbs are explained in the glossary, others are explained in different parts of the book. Use the  or the Word List to help you if necessary.



## SPOTLIGHT verb + preposition

Some verbs can be followed by different prepositions.

**argue with sb:**  
▪ *I argued with my brother.*

**argue about sth:**  
▪ *We argued about the holiday.*

You talk/speak/complain to sb, but talk/speak/complain about sth or sb, and agree/disagree with sb but agree/disagree about sth.

## GLOSSARY

<b>concentrate (on sth)</b>	give all your attention to sth
<b>rely on sb/sth</b>	1 need sb or sth: <i>She relies on her parents.</i> 2 be sure that sb or sth will do what they say they will do: <i>You can rely on him for help.</i> <b>SYN</b> depend on sb/sth
<b>participate (in sth) <i>formal</i></b>	do sth together with other people
<b>apologize (for sth) <i>formal</i></b>	say sorry for sth
<b>benefit (from sth)</b>	get sth good or useful from sth
<b>suffer (from sth)</b>	feel pain, sadness or another unpleasant feeling because of sth
<b>prevent sb from (doing) sth</b>	stop sb doing sth
<b>care (about sth/sb)</b>	think that sth/sb is important
<b>consist of sth</b>	be made from two or more things
<b>refer to sb/sth</b>	talk about sb/sth: <i>In the interview, he referred to his old science teacher.</i>

**1 Underline the main stress in these verbs. Use the  to help you. Practise saying the words.**

► depend	3 concentrate	6 disagree	9 complain
1 participate	4 succeed	7 compare	10 apply
2 apologize	5 benefit	8 prevent	11 rely

**2 Circle the correct preposition.**

► Do you ever listen to / from the radio?

1 We compared our exam results from / with the other class's.

2 Martha still depends of / on her parents a lot.

3 I don't think she cares about / for the money.

4 Do you believe on / in life after death?

5 I can't concentrate on / in my work when it's noisy.

6 This soap smells from / of honey.

7 Emma is worried for / about her brother.

8 Edward succeeded on / in passing all his exams.

9 This soup tastes with / of cheese, and it's delicious.

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

► British people often talk about ..... the weather.

1 Does the group always agree ..... you?

2 I often dream ..... my dog.

3 Both my brothers suffer ..... migraines.

4 Does this book belong ..... anyone?

5 Ava is going to apply ..... that job.

6 We had to complain ..... the food – it was terrible.

7 Marcus wasn't referring ..... you when he said some students were lazy.

8 I didn't want to participate ..... the discussion.

9 The book consists ..... three sections.

10 I'm not sure who will benefit ..... the changes in the law.

11 Olivia wants to concentrate ..... criminal law when she finishes her degree.

12 A good education will help you to succeed ..... finding an interesting job.

**4 Complete the sentences with the correct verb and preposition.**

► If you compare ..... this phone with ..... the other one, you can see this one is much better.

1 The job advert looked interesting, so I'm going to ..... it.

2 I'm afraid I ..... my wife all the time – she does everything for me.

3 Did George ..... being late?

4 Who did you ..... in the last election?

5 He locked the door, and that ..... us ..... leaving.

6 I'm afraid my sister and I never ..... each other – we argue all the time.

7 He doesn't ..... other people: he's only interested in himself.

8 Somebody gave me some toothpaste that ..... apples. It was very odd.

9 The service was very slow so I ..... the manager.

**5 ABOUT YOU** Finish these sentences in a way that is true for you. If possible, compare with another student.

► I often listen to music on my phone when I'm going to work

1 I think I rely .....

2 In the past I have complained .....

3 I will never vote .....

4 I sometimes dream .....

5 My family sometimes argue .....

6 I sometimes have to apologize .....

7 I sometimes worry .....

8 I often disagree .....

9 I don't want to depend .....



**TEST YOURSELF**