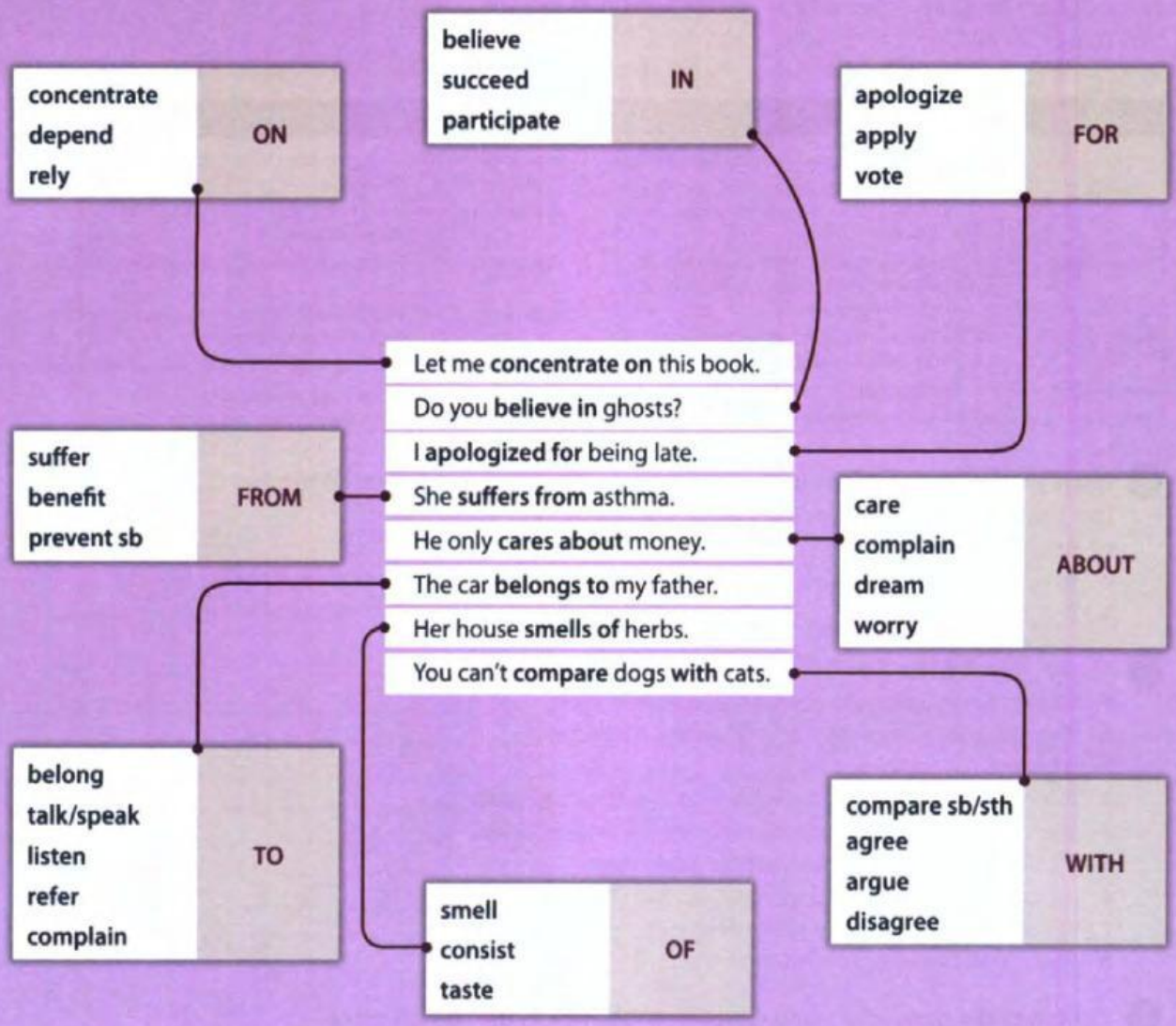
36 Verb + preposition

Some of the verbs are explained in the glossary, others are explained in different parts of the book. Use the APP 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

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

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

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

LIVEWORKSHEETS