

detail

1 Verb + details

Use the correct form of these verbs:

absorb	check	disclose	go into
send	finalise	take	uncover

1. Please that these details are correct before you sign the form.
2. Please write, enclosing a stamped addressed envelope, and we will you details of the health plan.
3. The city council have refused to details of its plan to close the city centre to traffic.
4. I don't understand why some newspapers dig into the past of politicians in an attempt to details of their previous love affairs. It's sick!
5. There's too much information in this leaflet. I'm having difficulty all the details.
6. I can't details at the moment; it would take too long. I'll just give you the gist of what he said and I'll fill you in later with all the details.
7. The police all the details and said they would get back to me within the week.
8. We can't the details of our holiday yet. I won't know when I can get time off till Friday.

2 Giving details

Match the two halves of these sentences.

Underline the verbs which mean 'giving details'.

1. Can you give us ...
 2. Police have so far released ...
 3. The jurors were given strict instructions from the judge not to reveal ...
 4. A company spokesman refused to disclose ...
 5. The government recently announced ...
 6. He talked to the press and divulged ...
 7. The travel company has provided us with ...
- a. full details of our journey across Australia.
- b. details of its plan to improve the health service.
- c. a few more details. For example, does the price include travel insurance?
- d. no details of the missing children.
- e. details of its revolutionary new product until the official launch.
- f. any details of the case to the press.
- g. details of our private conversation. You can't trust anybody these days!

3 Common adjective collocations

Use the following adjectives in these sentences:

final	further	gory
minor	personal	precise

1. If you need more information about the holiday accommodation, ... details can be found on our website.
2. All we know is that Di's had an accident, but we don't know the details.
3. Fill out one of these application forms with all your details.
4. The report contains a lot of unimportant issues. We must be careful not to let these details distract us from the big issues.
5. Richard's description of the blood and everything almost made me sick. He wasn't happy till he'd told us all the details of the accident.
6. We've agreed the general outline of the agreement, but the details have still to be worked out.

4 Expressions with prepositions

Use *in*, *into*, *about* and *on* in the following:

1. We'll need to examine the plan greater detail before we can give it our approval.
2. They are still arguing the details of the arrangements.
3. I won't go detail. All I'm prepared to say is she was fairly critical.
4. Contact the number at the bottom of the page for more details how to obtain a passport.

Notes

1. In 3-2 you could also use 'exact'.
2. Note these expressions:
Artists need to have an eye for detail.
Proof-reading needs great attention to detail.
They had planned the trip down to the smallest detail.
3. Note this noun phrase:
The guidebook contains a wealth of detail on the history of revolutionary France.
4. If someone notices everything, eg spotting spelling mistakes, you can say that they 'have an excellent eye for detail'.