

Prepositions and Verbs: Why study prepositions and verbs? Many students of English have a hard time knowing which preposition to use in each situation. There aren't really specific rules for when to use each preposition. Some verbs can go with multiple prepositions. But most verbs have a preposition which usually goes with it. You can use this list to help you learn these common combinations. The bad news is, the only way to learn them is to memorize them and use them in your speech. Good luck!

1. Tim was accused of stealing money from his company. We were accused of being too lenient on the students.
2. You will adapt to your new situation quickly. She hasn't adapted to her new school.
3. We added to our savings account each month. We added salt to the broth.
4. I admire Jim for his dedication to teaching. I admire him for always speaking the truth.
5. We agreed to the conditions of the lease. She agrees to bring cookies, but then forgets to bring them.
6. Ben apologized for being rude to the stranger. I think you should apologize for being late.
7. I applied to the University of Texas. I applied for a scholarship.
8. I don't approve of my son's tattoos. We don't approve of girls dating before age 16.
9. My sister arranged for a baby sitter to watch our children. I arranged for my mother to fly home with a friend.
10. (Use at for place, in for city or country) We arrived at our house just before midnight. We arrived in Austin too late to catch a bus from the airport.
11. Ask her for a pen. Ask her to loan you a pen.
12. The risks associated with this surgery are minimal. I'm not associated with any clubs or groups.
13. (Annoyed at and annoyed with have the same meaning) I'm annoyed at my husband for leaving his clothes on the floor. We're annoyed with our neighbors for letting their dog loose when the children are playing outside. A different meaning is annoyed by. EX: I'm annoyed by dog owners who let their dogs poop on the street.
14. I committed to helping with the Relay for Breast Cancer Cures this year. He was committed to a mental health hospital after the fight.
15. I'm discouraged by the low voter turnout. She was discouraged by her low test scores.
16. I'm envious of your beautiful clothes. He was envious of my sister's success.

Fill in the blank and discuss with your group.

1. I admire _____ for _____
2. I don't approve of _____.
3. I would never agree to _____
4. I have not adapted well to _____
5. I'm afraid of _____
6. I'm annoyed with _____
7. I'm annoyed by _____
8. I'm committed to _____
9. I'm discouraged by _____
10. I'm envious of _____

Correct the preposition in these statements.

1. Thailand is known with its beautiful beaches.
2. The bowl is filled in colorful candies.
3. The furniture is all made in sandalwood.
4. I'm not opposed of marriage, I'm just not ready for it yet.
5. I'm particularly pleased of my daughter, Judy.
6. We're not satisfied for the job our mechanic did.
7. My wife is scared for spiders.
8. They thanked her in giving them a ride home.
9. My family doesn't believe with drinking alcohol.
10. She blamed him to the children's bad behavior.
11. She boasted for how much money her husband made.
12. The restaurant didn't charge in the dessert we ordered because it was not cooked well.
13. The bus collided to our car.
14. The teacher didn't comment for our late arrival.
15. I always compete in my brother Bob.
16. They complained with the slow service.
17. The scientist confessed in hiding the negative results.
18. You have me confused in my sister.
19. We congratulated her in her achievements.
20. My musical instrument collection consists for two guitars, a tuba and a French horn.