

**Many verbs are followed by prepositions. Read these examples, then answer the questions. Read your sentence to the class.**

**Verb + About**

worry about- I worry about global warming. What do you worry about?  
argue about- My husband and I sometimes argue about money. What do you argue about?  
dream about- I dream about traveling all over the world. What do you dream about?  
read about- I like to read about history. What do you like to read about?  
learn about- I like to learn about languages. What do you like to learn about?

**Verb + Against**

brush against- The man tree brushed against my shoulder. What brushed against you?  
fight against- I fight against gaining weight. What do you fight against?  
guard against- I guard against theft by locking my doors. How do you guard against dangers?

**Verb + At**

eat at- I like to eat at Indian food restaurants? Where do you like to eat?  
look at- I look at the sales in the newspaper every morning. What do you look at in magazines or newspapers?

**Verb + For**

apologize for- I apologized for interrupting her. What do you apologize for?  
care for- I care for my mother who is very old. Who do you care for?  
pay for- I pay for our electricity and gas. My husband pays for our insurance and car maintenance. What do you pay for?

**Verb + From**

benefit from- I benefit from exercising daily. What do you benefit from?  
differ from- I differ from my Mom in decorating styles. How do you differ from your Mom?  
refrain from- I refrain from eating between meals. What do you refrain from?  
suffer from- My husband suffers from back pain. What do you suffer from?

**Verb + In**

confide in- I confide in my girl friends. Who do you confide in?  
live in- I live in a two story home in southwest Austin. What do you live in?  
ride in- I ride to class in my car. What do you ride in?

**Verb + Of**

remind of-My son reminds me of my husband.

Who reminds you of someone else?

**Verb + On**

rely on- I rely on my husband to help me. Who do you rely on?

concentrate on- I concentrate on ESL. What do you concentrate on?

insist on-I insist on eating healthy food. What do you insist on?

IDIOMS with PREPOSITIONS: Read the sentences. Figure out the meaning of the underlined phrase by context. Match it with the meaning in the chart below.

1. I'm not sure who was **at fault** in the accident.
2. I prefer to work **behind the scenes** to achieve my goals.
3. He's leaving **for good** this time.
4. I'm **at a loss for words**.
5. After the explosion, we were all **in a daze**. We didn't know whether to run or stay put.
6. I don't know the answer. Ask Mr. Jones. He's the man **in charge**.
7. My sister knows all the words to the Beatles songs **by heart**.
8. My mother makes all her cookies **from scratch**.

behind the scenes	speechless
at fault	from memory
by heart	from raw ingredients
at a loss for words	unable to think clearly
for good	to blame
from scratch	responsible for
in charge	influencing events without being seen
in a daze	permanently