

NOUNS FOLLOWED BY PREPOSITIONS

A number of nouns take certain specific prepositions after them, to be connected to the nouns or noun phrases that are objects of the prepositions.

Ex. —(i) I have no acquaintance *with* that man.

(ii) His capacity *for* hard work seems unlimited.

Here are some examples of **noun phrase + preposition** combinations.

Noun	Preposition	Object of Preposition
access	to	some place or person
acquaintance	with	someone or something
advantage	(i) over	someone
	(ii) of	something
advice	on	some matter
agreement	(i) with	someone
	(ii) on	something
alliance	with	someone
anxiety	(i) about	something or someone
	(ii) for	something, e.g. knowledge

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appetite	for	something, e.g. food
appreciation	for/of	something, e.g. help, poetry, etc.
approach	to	a place, a problem, a subject, etc.
attention	to	something
attitude	toward (s)	something, e.g. one's duty
authority	(i) on (ii) for	something, e.g. a subject something, e.g. making a statement
aversion	to	something, e.g. hard work.
basis	for	something, e.g. a charge
bearing	upon	some matter
capacity	for	something, e.g. hard work.
cause	for of	something, e.g. worry, anxiety, etc. something, e.g. accident
chance	of	something, e.g. success; doing something, e.g. going abroad
choice	(i) of (ii) between	one thing or another two or more things, courses of action
collision	with	something, e.g. a transport vehicle, an opposing party, etc.
command	of	army, situation, subject, etc.
comparison	(i) with (ii) between (iii) of	something two things something to something
concern	(i) about (ii) for (iii) in	a matter someone or something a business, etc.
confidence	in	someone
consequence	of	something, e.g. an error of judgement
contempt	for	someone, something
contrast	between	two things, persons, etc.
control	(i) of (ii) over	something someone, or a situation, etc.
craving	for	something, e.g. sweets
cure	for	a disease, etc.
danger	of	something happening
demand	for	something, e.g. higher wages, etc.
descendant	of	someone, an ancestor, a family, etc.
desire	for	something, e.g. food, wealth, etc.
difference	between	two or more things
difficulty	in	doing something
disagreement	(i) with (ii) on or over	someone something

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discussion	on/about	some subject
disgust	at	something happening, a policy, etc.
distaste	for	something, e.g. film music
distrust	of	someone
doubt	about	something, e.g. the pronunciation of a word, someone's honesty, etc.
duty	to	someone, e.g. one's parents
enmity	(i) to/toward (s) (ii) with	someone someone, in the phrase at enmity with
esteem	for	someone, e.g. one's teacher
exception	to	a rule, a principle, etc.
excuse	for	doing or having done something
experience	in	something, e.g. nursing
expert	in	something, e.g. foreign affairs, economics,
exposure	to	something, e.g. cold, light, etc.
expression	(i) of (ii) to	some thought, feeling, etc. something, in the phrase give expression to.
extent	of	something
facility	for	something, e.g. writing stories
faith	in	a person, a belief, a principle
(in) favour	of	someone
fear	of	something, e.g. snakes, losing money
feeling	(i) toward (s) (ii) about	someone some matter
fondness	for	something, e.g. sweets
grasp	of	something, e.g. a subject, a topic, etc.
gratitude	(i) to (ii) for	someone something
hope	of	something, e.g. finding something lost
hunger	for	something, e.g. adventure
impression	on	something or someone, in the phrase make an impression on
improvement	in on	something, e.g. one's spelling some other thing
influence	on/over	someone
information	about/on	something
interest	in	something, e.g. the fine arts
interference	with	something
invitation	to	a wedding, a dinner, etc.
judge	of	something, e.g. people

Noun	Preposition	Object of Preposition
request	for	something, e.g. leave
resemblance	(i) to	something or someone
	(ii) between	two things or persons
response	to	something, e.g. an appeal
result	of	something that has taken place
revenge	(i) on/upon	someone, in the phrase take revenge on
	(ii) for	something done, e.g. an insult
reward	for	something, e.g. an act of honesty
sequel	to	something, e.g. a story, a happening
skill	in	something, e.g. car-driving
stranger	to	a place, or thing, e.g. Secunderabad
substitute	for	something else
suggestion	for	some course of action
superiority	over	someone
surprise	at	something, in the phrase 'show/express surprise at'
	for	someone, some cause, etc.
sympathy	for	something, e.g. singing
talent	for	something, e.g. painting
taste	(i) for	something, e.g. the medicine
	(ii) of	someone
thankful	(i) to	something, e.g. kind act.
	(ii) for	something, e.g. knowledge
thirst	for	something, e.g. other people's opinions
tolerance	for	an opponent, a difficulty, etc.
triumph	over	something
use	(i) of	something, e.g. in phrases such as 'find a use for'/'have no use for'
	(ii) for	circumstance, a trick etc.
victim	of	something that happens e.g. an accident/crime
witness	to	something, e.g. social service
zeal	for	something, e.g. sports
zest	for	

Practice Lesson No. 5

Fill in the blanks with suitable prepositions :

1. The minister expressed his concern the people affected by floods.
2. Our connection that business was served many years ago.
3. He has no capacity sustained work.
4. Please pay attention what I am going to say.

5. There is an exception every rule.
6. Fifty members voted favour the resolution.
7. We have no hope finding our lost dog.
8. Raghu is no match Sunil in Cricket.
9. Have you any response my request.
10. The peon made a request two days leave.

Ans.

1. for, 2. with, 3. for, 4. to, 5. to, 6. in, of, 7. of, 8. for, 9. to, 10. for.