

1 Many verbs often go with a certain preposition. Some verbs have different meanings with different prepositions:

VERB + TO

- Belong to:** The house belongs to the Smiths.
Listen to: The audience listened to the music in silence.
Speak to: I haven't spoken to anyone about this.
Talk to: Could I talk to you for a minute, Sam?



Write to: Please write to us when you have time.



VERB + ABOUT

- Care about:** I don't care about the cost. I want a new car.
Complain about: They complained about the terrible weather.
Dream about: I dreamed about you last night, Eva.
Speak about: They were speaking about their holidays.
Talk about: I'm going to talk about our new product.
Think about: What are you thinking about?

Write about: You should write a book about your life.

VERB + AT

- Laugh at:** Nobody laughs at my jokes.
Look at: Look at me!
Shout at: He was angry, so he shouted at me to go away.



Smile at: She's so friendly. She smiles at everyone.



VERB + FOR

- Apologize for:** I must apologize for being so late.
Apply for: I'd like to apply for the job you advertised.
Ask for: We finished the meal and asked for the bill.
Look for: 'What are you looking for?' 'My pen. I lost it'
Pay for: I'll pay for the food, you can pay for the drink.

Wait for: Do you want me to wait for you?

VERB + ON

- Count on:** You can count on me. I'll help you.
Depend on: I might go out. It depends on the weather.
Rely on: He's never late. You can rely on him.

VERB + INTO

- Bump into:** I spilled the wine because someone bumped into me.
Crash into: The car crashed into the tree.



Drive into: The mechanic drove the car into the garage.

A Complete these sentences using a verb with to or about:

- _____ me when I'm talking to you!
- They asked the explorer to _____ his experience in the jungle.
- 'Is this your flat?' 'No, it _____ my sister.'
- Because the service was so terrible, we _____ the manager.
- The visitors wanted to see the manager to _____ the uncomfortable beds.
- A lot of children _____ Father Christmas with a list of presents.
- Today I want to _____ you _____ our business plans.
- Biographers are writers who _____ famous people.
- They went to sleep and _____ winning a lot of money.
- We must _____ where to go on holiday this summer.



11 'Do you mind if I _____ the radio?'



12 'Who do these _____?'

B Complete these sentences using a verb with at or for:

- Everyone _____ the comedian when he fell over. It was funny.
- Simon _____ his watch and saw that he was late.
- I hate _____ the bus in the rain.
- When he lost his keys, Mark _____ them for an hour.
- My secretary _____ me _____ a week off work to visit her sick mother.

C Complete these sentences using a verb with on:

- If someone is reliable, it means you can _____ them.
- People who are not dependable are people you can't _____.
- We want to have a picnic tomorrow, but it _____ the weather.
- I'd like to buy your painting, but it _____ on the price.