

## Verb + Preposition (4) – of/for/from/on

### A

#### Verb + of

**accuse/suspect somebody OF . . . :**

- Sue **accused** me of being selfish.
- Three students were **suspected** of cheating on the exam.

**approve OF . . . :**

- His parents don't **approve** of what he does, but they can't stop him.

**die OF (an illness):**

- "What did he **die** of?" "A heart attack."

**consist OF . . . :**

- We had an enormous meal. It **consisted** of seven courses.

### B

#### Verb + for

**pay FOR (something that you buy):**

- I didn't have enough money to **pay** for the meal. (*not* pay the meal)

**but: pay a bill / a fine / a tax / a fare / rent / a sum of money, etc. (no preposition):**

- I didn't have enough money to **pay** my telephone bill.

**thank/forgive somebody FOR . . . :**

- I'll never **forgive** them for what they did.

**apologize (to somebody) FOR . . . :**

- When I realized I was wrong, I **apologized** (to them) for my mistake.

**blame somebody/something FOR . . . :**

- Everybody **blamed** me for the accident.

**Also: somebody is to blame for . . . :**

- Everybody said that I was **to blame** for the accident.

**Also: blame something ON . . . :**

- Everybody **blamed** the accident **on** me.

### C

#### Verb + from

**suffer FROM (an illness, etc.):**

- The number of people **suffering** from heart disease has increased.

**protect somebody/something FROM (or AGAINST) something:**

- Sunscreen can **protect** you from the sun. (*or* . . . **against** the sun.)

### D

#### Verb + on

**depend / rely ON . . . :**

- "What time will you get there?" "I don't know. It **depends** on the traffic."
- You can **rely** on Jill. She always keeps her promises.

You can use **depend + when/where/how**, etc. (question words), with or without **on**:

- "Are you going to buy it?" "It **depends** how much it is." (*or* depends on how much)

**live ON (money/food):**

- George's salary is very low. It isn't enough to **live** on.

**congratulate (someone) ON . . . / compliment (somebody) ON . . . :**

- I **congratulated** her **on** being admitted to law school.

# Exercises

## 131.1 Complete the second sentence so that it means the same as the first.

- Sue said I was selfish. Sue accused me of being selfish.
- The misunderstanding was my fault, so I apologized.  
I apologized \_\_\_\_\_.
- She won the tournament, so I congratulated her.  
I congratulated her \_\_\_\_\_.
- He has enemies, but he has a bodyguard to protect him.  
He has a bodyguard to protect him \_\_\_\_\_.
- There are 11 players on a soccer team.  
A soccer team consists \_\_\_\_\_.
- She eats only bread and eggs.  
She lives \_\_\_\_\_.

## Complete the second sentence using *for* or *on*. (These sentences all have the verb *blame*.)

- Kay said that what happened was Jim's fault. Kay blamed Jim for what happened.
- You always say everything is my fault.  
You always blame me \_\_\_\_\_.
- Do you think the economic crisis is the fault of the government?  
Do you blame the government \_\_\_\_\_?
- I think the increase in violent crime is because of television.  
I blame the increase in \_\_\_\_\_.

## Now rewrite sentences 9 and 10 using *to blame for*.

- Do you think the government \_\_\_\_\_?
- I think that \_\_\_\_\_.

## 131.2 Complete the sentences using one of the following verbs in the correct form + the correct preposition:

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- His parents don't approve of what he does, but they can't stop him.
- When you went to the theater with Paul, who \_\_\_\_\_ the tickets?
- It's a terrible feeling when you are \_\_\_\_\_ something you didn't do.
- "Are you playing tennis tomorrow?" "I hope so. It \_\_\_\_\_ the weather."
- Things are very cheap there. You can \_\_\_\_\_ very little money.
- When I saw Dave, I \_\_\_\_\_ him \_\_\_\_\_ passing his driving test.
- You were very rude to Pat. Don't you think you should \_\_\_\_\_ her?

## 131.3 Put in the correct preposition. If no preposition is necessary, leave the space empty (-).

- Three students were suspected of cheating on the exam.
- Sally is often sick. She suffers \_\_\_\_\_ very bad headaches.
- You know that you can rely \_\_\_\_\_ me if you ever need any help.
- It is terrible that some people are dying \_\_\_\_\_ hunger while others eat too much.
- Are you going to apologize \_\_\_\_\_ what you did?
- The accident was my fault, so I had to pay \_\_\_\_\_ the repairs.
- I didn't have enough money to pay \_\_\_\_\_ the bill.
- I complimented her \_\_\_\_\_ her English. She spoke very fluently.
- She doesn't have a job. She depends \_\_\_\_\_ her parents for money.
- I don't know whether I'll go out tonight. It depends \_\_\_\_\_ how I feel.
- They wore warm clothes to protect themselves \_\_\_\_\_ the cold.
- Cake consists mainly \_\_\_\_\_ sugar, flour, and butter.