

Verb + Preposition (5) – *in/into/with/to/on*

## A

believe **IN** . . . :

- Do you believe **in** God? (= do you believe that God exists?)
- I believe **in** saying what I think. (= I believe it is right to say what I think)

specialize **IN** . . . :

- Helen is a lawyer. She specializes **in** corporate law.

succeed **IN** . . . :

- I hope you succeed **in** finding the job you want.

## B

break **INTO** . . . :

- Our house was broken **into** a few days ago, but nothing was stolen.

crash/drive/bump/run **INTO** . . . :

- He lost control of the car and crashed **into** a wall.

divide/cut/split something **INTO** (two or more parts):

- The book is divided **into** three parts.
- Cut the meat **into** small pieces before frying it.

translate (a book, etc.) **FROM** one language **INTO** another:

- Ernest Hemingway's books have been translated **into** many languages.



## C

collide **WITH** . . . :

- There was an accident this morning. A bus collided **with** a car. (*but crashed into*)

fill something **WITH** . . . (*but full of* . . . – see Unit 127B):

- Take this pot and fill it **with** water.

provide/supply somebody **WITH** . . . :

- The school provides all its students **with** books.

## D

happen **TO** . . . :

- What happened **to** that gold watch you used to have? (= Where is it now?)

prefer one thing/person **TO** another:

- I prefer tea **to** coffee.

## E

concentrate **ON** . . . :

- Don't look out the window. Concentrate **on** your work.

insist **ON** . . . :

- I wanted to go alone, but they insisted **on** coming with me.

spend (money) **ON** . . . :

- How much money do you spend **on** food each week?

# Exercises

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

1. There was a collision between a bus and a car. A bus collided with a car.
2. I don't mind big cities, but I prefer small towns.  
I prefer \_\_\_\_\_.
3. I got all the information I needed from Jill.  
Jill provided me \_\_\_\_\_.
4. This morning I bought a pair of shoes that cost \$60.  
This morning I spent \_\_\_\_\_.

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

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1. I wanted to go alone, but Sue insisted on coming with me.
2. I haven't seen Mike for ages. I wonder what has \_\_\_\_\_ him.
3. I was driving along when the car in front of me stopped suddenly. Unfortunately, I couldn't stop in time and \_\_\_\_\_ the back of it.
4. It's a very large house. It's \_\_\_\_\_ four apartments.
5. I don't \_\_\_\_\_ ghosts. I think people only imagine that they see them.
6. Steve gave me an empty bucket and told me to \_\_\_\_\_ it water.
7. Don't try and do two things together. \_\_\_\_\_ one thing at a time.
8. It wasn't easy, but in the end we \_\_\_\_\_ finding a solution to the problem.

## 132.3 Put in the correct preposition.

1. The school provides all its students with books.
2. A strange thing happened \_\_\_\_\_ me a few days ago.
3. Mark decided to give up his job so that he could concentrate \_\_\_\_\_ his studies.
4. I don't believe \_\_\_\_\_ working very hard. It's not worth it.
5. My current job isn't wonderful, but I prefer it \_\_\_\_\_ what I did before.
6. I hope you succeed \_\_\_\_\_ getting what you want.
7. As I was going out of the room, I collided \_\_\_\_\_ somebody who was coming in.
8. There was an awful noise as the car crashed \_\_\_\_\_ a tree.
9. Jim is a photographer. He specializes \_\_\_\_\_ sports photography.
10. Do you spend much money \_\_\_\_\_ clothes?
11. The country is divided \_\_\_\_\_ six regions.
12. I prefer traveling by train \_\_\_\_\_ driving. It's much more pleasant.
13. Somebody broke \_\_\_\_\_ my car and stole the radio.
14. I was very cold, but Peter insisted \_\_\_\_\_ keeping the window open.
15. Some words are difficult to translate \_\_\_\_\_ one language \_\_\_\_\_ another.
16. What happened \_\_\_\_\_ the money I lent you? What did you spend it \_\_\_\_\_ ?
17. The teacher decided to split the class \_\_\_\_\_ four groups.
18. I filled the tank, but unfortunately I filled it \_\_\_\_\_ the wrong kind of gas.

## 132.4 Use your own ideas to complete these sentences. Use a preposition.

1. I wanted to go out alone, but my friend insisted on coming with me.
2. I spend lots of money \_\_\_\_\_.
3. I saw the accident. The car crashed \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Sarah prefers basketball \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Shakespeare's plays have been translated \_\_\_\_\_.