



Dependent Prepositions Study Guide

Dependent prepositions are prepositions that are used with specific nouns, verbs or adjectives.

Discover 25 common mistakes with simple fixes.

Verb + preposition

	✗	✓	How to use
1	depend of/in	depend on	Farmers depend on rainfall.
2	consist to	consist of	The IELTS Writing test consists of two tasks.
3	result to	result in	Pollution can result in long term health problems.
4	complain for/in	complain about	Their customers complain about slow delivery times.
5	spend in	spend on	They spent a lot of money on renovations.

Adjective + preposition

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6	married with	married to	She's married to my cousin.
7	good in	good at	My brother is good at project management.
8	afraid from	afraid of	Young children are often afraid of the dark.
9	similar with	similar to	The new design is similar to the old one.
10	aware for	aware of	We were not aware of the issue.

Noun + preposition

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11	reason of (something)	reason for	Cost was the main reason for the change.
12	effect in (something)	effect on	Climate change has an effect on agriculture.
13	solution of (a problem)	solution to	We offer a solution to data storage challenges.
14	increase of (something)	increase in	The graph shows an increase in exports.
15	information in (something)	information on/about	I'm looking for information on yoga classes.

Adding unnecessary prepositions

	✗	✓	How to use
16	go to home	go home	I usually go home for lunch.
17	explain about	explain	The teacher explained the process.
18	consider about	consider	We need to consider all possible solutions.
19	discuss about	discuss	They discussed the project.
20	affect to	affect	The new policy will affect small businesses.

Forgetting prepositions

	×	✓	How to use
21	rise (something)	rise in (something)	The company reported a rise in online sales.
22	listen (something)	listen to (something)	I listen to podcasts while I'm driving.
23	wait (someone)	wait for (someone)	I waited for him for an hour but he never came.
24	interested (something)	interested in (something)	She's interested in studying environmental science.
25	responsible (something)	responsible for (something)	He is responsible for training new employees.