

COMMONLY USED TOEIC EXPRESSIONS

1. Nouns + preposition

Cause of	The cause of fire was carelessness
Combination of	A combination of high interest rates and falling demands forced the company to close.
Demand for	The management has refused to agree to our demand for 7% pay raise.
Development in	People are happy with development in medicine.
Effect of	One of the effects of illness is that you lose your hair.
Example of	This church is a wonderful example of medieval architecture.
Exception to	We don't usually do it this way, but we'll make an exception to the rule in your case.
Idea for	What gave you the idea for the book?
Improvement in	There has been a significant improvement in the company's trading position.
Increase in	An increase in crime was one of the most serious problems that city had.
Native of	He is a native of California.
Part in	The question of cost will play an important part in our decision.
Price of	What is the price of this suit?
Probability of	There's very little probability of an agreement being reached.
Problem with	The company had no problems with management.
Process of	Coal was formed out of dead forest by a long, slow process of chemical change.
Reliance on	I have complete reliance on his judgment.

Result of	His sickness is the result of the contaminated food.
Rules for	There are rules for driving.
Rules of (a game)	To enjoy golfing, you need to understand the rules of golf .
Solution to	There are no simple solutions to the unemployment problem.
Source of	We'll need to find a new source of income.
A supply of	Bring a large supply of food for you
A variety of	The shirt is available in a variety of colors.

2. Adjective / Adverbs + preposition

Afraid of	I've always afraid of flying.
Angry at s.th	They were angry at the way they had been treated.
Angry with s.one	I was (got) angry with her .
Attached to	The children are very attached to grandparents.
Based on	He wrote a novel based on fact.
Capable of	A force 10 wind is capable of blowing the roofs off house.
Close to	She was very close to death for a while.
Dependent on	It's very easy to become dependent on sleeping pills.
Different from	Emily is completely different from her sister.
Disappointed with (by)	I'm disappointed by the way our team played today.
Eligible for	You have to employ for six months to be eligible for medical benefits.
Essential for (to)	The knowledge of English is essential for this job.
Familiar with	I'm not familiar with current research in the field.
Free from	Because the organization is a charitable enterprise, it is free

	from tax worldwide.
Free of	My doctor told me I would never be complete free of the disease.
Identical to	The tests are identical to those carried out last year.
Inferior to	They felt inferior to the others until the team's international success gave them some pride.
Married to	How long have you been married to John?
Preferable to	Surely a diplomatic solution is preferable to war.
Related to	Experts believe that a large number of cancer causes in the area are related to the new nuclear power station.
Responsible for	John is directly responsible for the efficient running of the office.
Satisfied with	I am not satisfied with the standard of your work.
Similar to	I bought some new shoes which are very similar to a pair I had before.
Subject to	Japan is a country subject to earthquakes.
Suitable for	The movie is rate R and is not suitable for children.
Superior to	Manufacturing companies send millions of dollars trying to convince customer that their products are superior to those of other companies.
Surprised at (by)	We were very surprised at the result. He seemed surprised by the question.

3. Verb + preposition

Account for = Explain	The army made no attempt to account for missing men.
Accustom oneself to	It'll take time for me to accustom myself to change.
Agree to (a plan)	Both sides in the conflict have agreed to the terms of the peace treaty.
Approve of	I thoroughly approve of what the management is doing.
Arrive at	It was dark by the time we arrived at the station.
Arrive in	Early humans first arrived in the area over 25,000 year ago.
Begin with	The word "cat" begins with the letter "c".
Believe in	I believe in the fundamental goodness of human nature.
Caution against	The writer cautioned the newspaper's readers against buying (= warned them not to buy) shares without getting good advice first.
Complete with	If a company completes with another, it try to get people to buy its goods or services instead of other companies.
Consist of	The team consists of four Americans and two Europeans.
Contribute to	Failing sale in American market contributed to the company's collapse.
Cooperate with	He said that he had cooperated with the government in its investigation.
Deal with	The second part of this document deals with staff training.
Decide on	We're decided on a beige carpet for the dining room.
Decrease by	His salary decreased by 10% because of the recession.
Depend on	The cost of your fly depends on what time of year you go. The city's economy depends largely on the car industry.
Divide among	I think we should divide (up) the costs equally among us.

(>= 2 people)	
Divide between (2 people)	Greg divided his energies between running company and playing tennis.
Divide into (parts)	After World War II, Germany divided 2 separate countries for more than four decades.
Escape from	A lion has escaped from its cage.
Interfere with	Even a low level of noise interferes with my concentration.
Invest in	The company has invested millions dollars in writing new programs.
Participate in	She never participates in any of our discussions, does she?
Pay for	How much did you pay for tickets?
Plan on	We were planning on just having a snack and catching the early train.
Prepare for	Although the crisis seems to be over, we should prepare for a time of trouble.
Prohibit from	Motor vehicles are prohibited from driving in the town's center.
Recover from	It took her a long while to recover from her heart operation.
Rely on	I rely on you for good advice.
Replace A with B	The factory replaced most of its workers with robots.
Respond to	The government has responded to public pressure by abolishing a new tax.
Result in	The fire resulted in damage to their property.
Search for	Scientists are still searching for cure for common cold.
Subscribe to	She subscribes to women's magazines and local newspapers.
Substitute A for	The company illegally substitutes cheap bolts and screws for

B	more expensive material.
Succeed in	The campaign has certainly succeeded in raising public awareness of the issue.
Talk about (a topic)	He spent a lot of time talking about his hobbies.
Talk to (an audience)	She talks to her mother on the phone every week.
Wait for (s.th or someone)	The dentist kept me waiting for ages.
Wait on (a customer)	She waits on shoppers all day at the department store.

4. Others

Ahead of	I'm on the waiting list for a ticket, but there are ten people ahead of me.
Along with	Why don't you take him along with you when you go?
Because of	We had to convention because of the bad weather.
By means of	She tried to explain by means of sign language.
Due to	The fire was due to a faulty wire in a plug.
In charge of	Who will be in charge of the department when Sophie leaves?
In favor of	The majority was in favor of the proposal.
On spite of	On spite of his (= Although he has an) injury, Ricardo will play in Monday's match.
Instead of	You can have herbal tea instead of coffee if you want.
On account of	She is angry on account of what you said about her husband at lunch.
Prior to	He had so on sign of being in pain prior to (= before)

	suffering a heart attack and collapsing.
Regardless to	The plan for a new office tower went ahead regardless of local opposition.
Thanks to	Thanks to yesterday's rain, the morning air was fresher than usual.
Together with	The bottle of champagne, together with those chocolates, will make a nice present.
Access to	The system has been designed to give user quick and easy access to the required information.
According to	According to weather forecast, the weather will improve soon.
Add to	Have you anything to add to your earlier statement.
Advocate for	Dr. Smith has long been practicing pediatrician and an advocate for children's rights.
Ahead of time	Let's meet for lunch. I'll call you ahead of time (= in advance) to fix a time and a place.
Be aimed at	The government's campaign is aimed at influencing public opinion.
Arrange for	The meeting has arranged for Monday.
Aside from	I hardly watch television, aside from news and current affairs.
At one's expense	I treated my friend at my expense .
At random	The librarian took a book from the shelf at random .
At stake	Thousands of lives will be at stake if emergency aid does not arrive in the city soon.
At the rate of	The car was going at the rate of 40 miles an hour.
At the risk of	He rescued the dog at the risk of his own life.

Attribute A to B	The doctor has attributed the cause of his illness to an unknown virus.
Be accustomed to + noun	I'm not accustomed to being treated like this.
Become acquitted with (=get to know)	John becomes acquitted with many well-known writers and artists.
Be acquitted with	Students who are acquitted with one foreign language tend to find it easier to learn a new one.
Be apt to	The kitchen roof is apt to leak when it rains.
Be ashamed of	Oliver Twist was not ashamed of asking for more food.
Be available to	It is vital that food is made available to the famine areas.
Be aware of	Is he aware of the price of shoes like those? (Does he realize that they are very expensive?)
Be based on	The film is based on a story by John Smith.
Be bound to	It was bound to sooner or later.
Be comparable to	A cave is not comparable to a house for comfort.
Be concerned about	I'm a bit concerned about your health.
Be convicted of	He has twice been convicted of robbery.
Be covered with	How much of earth's surface is covered with water?
Be discontented with	The boys are discontented with their present situation.
Be eager to	She was very eager to meet you.
Be eligible for	Students must pass in all subjects to be eligible for the school team.
Be entitled to V/N	The one who wins is entitled to the first prize.
Be essential to	The accounting department is essential to the company's

	organization.
Be experienced in (a field)	John is experienced in repairing cars.
Be experienced with something	He is experiences with the new computer.
Be faced with	The company is faced with a difficult situation because of the recession.
Be famous for	Korea is famous for semiconductors.
Be intended for	That gift is intended for you.
Be liable to	That glass is liable to break.
Be likely to	It is likely to be hot in August.
Be noted for	Samson was noted for his strength.
Be responsible for	Each pupil is responsible for the care of the books given to him.
Be satisfied with	He was satisfied with the test results.
Be suspicious of	Sometimes women are overly suspicious of their husbands.
Be taken by surprise	That he was taken by surprise is true.
Be willing to + verb	I am willing to wait until tomorrow.
Beware of	You must beware of swimming in a strong current.
Call on someone	We must call on our new neighbors .
Call one's attention to	This is to call your attention to the fact that your account of VN VND 1,000,000,000 is still unpaid.
Care for	The nurse will care for him at the hospital.
Carry out	He carried out his job well.
Come by	He came by the money honestly.

(= obtain)	
Come down with	He came down with the measles.
Come in first (twice, third, ...)	That horse came in first .
Come into effect	The marketing advertisement will come into effect soon.
Come to an end	All good things must come to an end .
Compared to	Model 123 is the more advances system, compared to model 122.
Compensate for	The company always compensates her for her extra work.
Comply with	He complied with the doctor's order to take a rest.
Concentrate on	He concentrated on his reading so that he would understand the story.
Be contrary to	My sister's taste in dresses is contrary to my own.
Contribute to	Honesty and hard work contributes to success and happiness.
Count on	I'm sure that I can count on your cooperation.
Deal with	The courts deal with those who break the laws.
Decrease in	There has been a decreased in our sales.
Demand for	There is a demand for engineers at the company.
Deprive A of B	The people deprived the cruel king of his power.
Difference between	The only difference between the twins is that Katy weights 5 kg than Rebecca.
Dispense with	It's so warn today that I can dispense with my overcoat.
Divide A into B	The business organization can be divided into several different divisions.
Do without	A month after accepting the resignation of its corporate planning director, the company found that if will be extremely difficult do without him.
Drag on	The seminar drags on and on.

Be exposed to	Many people were exposed to danger.
Familiarize oneself with	Before playing the new game, familiarize yourself with the rules.
Fill in	When you apply for that job, you need to fill in the date of your application.
Fill out	Please fill out the application form and send it.
Be furnished with	This department is furnished with fine furniture.
Get along with	The boss should get along with the employees.
Get in touch with	I will get in touch with you wherever I go.
Get through with	As soon as I get through with my work, I will join you.
Have an effect on	The advertising campaign didn't have much effect on sales.
Have influence on	The climate has a great influence on farming.
Hold out	How long can the enemy hold out ?
In (with) regard to + V_ing	The teacher wish to speak to you in (with) regard to being late.
In a row	There are three houses in a row .
Be in accordance with	What he did was in accordance with what he said.
Be in charge of	Mr. Smith is in charge of Marketing Department.
In comparison with	Even a large lake is small in comparison with an ocean.
In conclusion	In conclusion , I will say that it was an honor to be the speaker at the meeting.
In honor of	The dinner was held in honor of colleague who was leaving.
In response to	She laughed in response to his jokes.
In support of	He spoke in support of the proposal.

In terms of	The book is a big success in terms of the interest it aroused.
Inflict on	A knife can inflict a bad wound on a person.
Instead of	She watched TV instead of for her final exam.
Interfere with	Never allow personal feelings to interfere with your work.
Keep track of	The noise makes it difficult for me to keep track of what you said.
Leave out (= omit)	She left out to words when she read the sentence.
Make up for (= compensate for)	He reserved a direct flight from Las Angeles to Chicago to make up for lost time.
Name after	The Hudson River is named after the English explorer Henry Hudson.
On behalf of	He worked on behalf of his friend. The lawyer spoke convincingly on behalf of his client.
On account of (= because of)	The game was delayed on account of the rain.
On the waiting list	He put his name on the waiting list .
Out of order	That air conditioner is out of order .
Out of print	This magazine is out of print .
Participate in (= take part in)	Would you like to participate in our blood drive?
Place an emphasis on	The president of the company placed a great emphasis on the marketing campaign.
Prior to	I called on him prior to my departure.
Put emphasis on	My school puts much emphasis on studies that its students prepare for collage.
Put in for	He puts in for a transfer to the Sales Department.

Put up with	I couldn't put up with the boredom.
Raise the question	The president raised the question concerning the upcoming merger.
Regardless of	Regardless of its location of facilities, a park is intended for the enjoyment of all.
Remind A of B	This picture reminds me to a story I heard.
Run (take) a risk of	In order to win the war, we had to take a risk of offending neutral nations.
Run out of	Mother run out of eggs and had to borrow some from neighbors.
Run short	The hunter's supply of food ran short at the end of the long winter.
Set out	They set out on the hike with plenty of water.
Set up (establish)	He sold his business and set up a new one.
Show off (= display)	Most girls like to show off fine clothes.
Show up (= appear)	The golfer showed up one hour late for his match.
Sign up for	Did you sign up for the computer class?
Specialize in	Many students specialize in engineering.
Stand by (= support)	I delivered a speech to stand by the government policy.
Stand for (= represent)	The blue birds stand for happiness.
Stop by	Mr. Smith stopped by his parent's house on the way home.
Subscribe to	We subscribed to few magazines.
Succeed in	She was filled with the aspiration to succeed in a life.

Take ... for granted	People take the continuation of economic growth for granted .
Take advantage of	You shouldn't take advantage of his generosity.
Take into consideration	The judge took the boy's age into consideration .
Take turns + V-ing	They took turns watching the baby.
Tend to	Farms tend to use more machinery now.
Throughout the day	He worked hard throughout the day .
Trial and error	We can learn through trial and error .
Turn in (=submit, hand in)	The general manager turned in the finished proposal to the president.
Under construction	The factory is under construction .
With the exception of	I like all my studies with the exception of economics.
Work out	I saw John working out in the gymnasium.