



Prepositions Following Nouns

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Exercise 1 – Learning

Prepositions in this lesson: **to, for, with, on**

Noun + 'to'

The preposition '**to**' generally indicates a **direction or a destination**.

*"I am going **to** the park."*

'**To**' is also used to indicate the **receiver of an action**.

*"I gave some coffee **to** her."*

'**To**' is often used with nouns that:

1. Express direction/destination.

*Ex: the **train 'to'** London, **access 'to'** the stadium*

2. Receive an action.

*Ex: **answer 'to'** a question, **threat 'to'** someone, **solution 'to'** a problem, **reference 'to'** a movie, **addiction 'to'** drugs.*



Noun + 'for'

The preposition '**for**' generally indicates a **purpose for doing something** or an **endpoint**.

Whereas "a train '**to**' London" will go '**to**' London, "a train '**for**' London" is a train whose final destination is London. When the train reaches London, it has fulfilled its destination.

'**For**' is often used with nouns that:

1. **Have some goal/target.**

Ex: a **cure 'for'** cancer, the **search 'for'** the missing child, a **thirst 'for'** revenge

2. **Express feelings towards someone/something.**

Ex: **admiration 'for'** her work, **respect 'for'** people who overcome difficulties



Noun + 'with'

The preposition '**with**' indicates that two or more people/things are doing something *together*.

'**With**' often follows nouns that express an action/event done together by two or more people:

Ex: a **meeting** '**with**' the client, an **argument** '**with**' her husband, a **date** '**with**' her boyfriend

Noun + 'on'

The preposition '**on**' indicates that one thing is supported by another thing.

*"An apple is **on** the table."*

'**On**' is often used with nouns that indicate that one person or thing depends on another:

Ex: **dependence** '**on**' his parents, society's **over-reliance** '**on**' technology



Exercise 2 – Fill in the Blanks

Fill in the blanks with for, to, on, or with to complete the sentences.

1. I don't know the answer _____ your question.
2. One day, we will find a cure _____ every disease in the world.
3. I got in an argument _____ my wife today.
4. Because of her dependence _____ other people, she rarely makes decisions on her own.
5. Please include references _____ this book in your essay.
6. I was very sick yesterday. This is the reason _____ me not coming to work.
7. I got into a little fight _____ my friend today.
8. I had a meeting _____ my supervisor this morning.



Exercise 3 – Sentence Construction

Use what you learned in class to create sentences with your tutor.

Example: access, government documents. → He has access to government documents.

Content:

1. invitation, Jake's party.
2. ban, guns.
3. high demand, smartphones.
4. advice, how I should finish this painting.
5. request, more funding for our project.
6. preparations, company event.