

Noun + preposition (reason for, cause of etc.)

A

Noun + for ...

a **demand** / a **need** **FOR** ...

- ☐ The company closed down because there wasn't enough **demand for** its product.
- ☐ There's no excuse for behaviour like that. There's no **need for** it.

a **reason** **FOR** ...

- ☐ The train was late, but nobody knew the **reason for** the delay. (*not* reason of)

B

Noun + of ...

an **advantage** / a **disadvantage** **OF** ...

- ☐ The **advantage of** living alone is that you can do what you like.

*but***there is** an advantage **in** (*or to*) doing something

- ☐ **There are** many advantages **in** living alone. *or* ... many advantages **to** living alone.

a **cause** **OF** ...

- ☐ The **cause of** the explosion is unknown.

a **picture** / a **photo** / a **photograph** / a **map** / a **plan** / a **drawing** (etc.) **OF** ...

- ☐ Rachel showed me some **pictures of** her family.
- ☐ I had a **map of** the town, so I was able to find my way around.

C

Noun + in ...

an **increase** / a **decrease** / a **rise** / a **fall** **IN** (prices etc.)

- ☐ There has been an **increase in** the number of road accidents recently.
- ☐ Last year was a bad one for the company. There was a big **fall in** sales.

D

Noun + to ...

damage **TO** ...

- ☐ The accident was my fault, so I had to pay for the **damage to** the other car.

an **invitation** **TO** ... (a party / a wedding etc.)

- ☐ Did you get an **invitation to** the party?

a **solution** **TO** (a problem) / a **key** **TO** (a door) / an **answer** **TO** (a question) / a **reply** **TO** (a letter) / a **reaction** **TO** ...

- ☐ I hope we find a **solution to** the problem. (*not* a solution of the problem)
- ☐ I was surprised at her **reaction to** my suggestion.

an **attitude** **TO** ... *or* an **attitude** **TOWARDS** ...

- ☐ His **attitude to** his job is very negative. *or* His **attitude towards** his job ...

E

Noun + with ... / between ...

a **relationship** / a **connection** / **contact** **WITH** ...

- ☐ Do you have a good **relationship with** your parents?
- ☐ The police want to question a man in **connection with** the robbery.

*but*a **relationship** / a **connection** / **contact** / a **difference** **BETWEEN** two things or people

- ☐ The police believe that there is no **connection between** the two crimes.
- ☐ There are some **differences between** British and American English.