

## A

## Verb + about

**talk / read / know ABOUT ... , tell somebody ABOUT ...**

- ☐ We **talked about** a lot of things at the meeting.

**have a discussion ABOUT** something, *but discuss* something (no preposition)

- ☐ We had **a discussion about** what we should do.  
☐ We **discussed** a lot of things at the meeting. (*not discussed about*)

**do** something **ABOUT** something = *do something to improve a bad situation*

- ☐ If you're worried about the problem, you should **do** something **about** it.

## B

## Verb + for

**ask** (somebody) **FOR** ...

- ☐ I sent an email to the company **asking** them **for** more information about the job.  
*but* 'I **asked** him **the way** to ...', 'She **asked** me **my name**' (no preposition)

**apply** (**TO** a person, a company etc.) **FOR** a job etc.

- ☐ I think you'd be good at this job. Why don't you **apply for** it?

**wait FOR** ...

- ☐ Don't **wait for** me. I'll join you later.  
☐ I'm not going out yet. I'm **waiting for** the rain to stop.

**search** (a person / a place / a bag etc.) **FOR** ...

- ☐ I've **searched** the house **for** my keys, but I still can't find them.

**leave** (a place) **FOR** another place

- ☐ I haven't seen her since she **left** (home) **for** the office this morning.  
 (*not left to the office*)

## C

## Care about, care for and take care of

**care ABOUT** somebody/something = *think that somebody/something is important*

- ☐ He's very selfish. He doesn't **care about** other people.  
 We say '**care what/where/how ...**' etc. (*without about*):  
☐ You can do what you like. I don't **care what** you do.

**care FOR** somebody/something

(1) = *like something* (usually negative sentences)

- ☐ I don't **care for** very hot weather. (= I don't like ...)

(2) = *look after somebody*

- ☐ Alan is 85 and lives alone. He needs somebody to **care for** him.

**take care OF** ... = *look after, keep safe, take responsibility for*

- ☐ Don't worry about me. I can **take care of** myself.  
☐ I'll **take care of** the travel arrangements. You don't need to do anything.

## D

## Look for and look after

**look FOR** ... = *search for, try to find*

- ☐ I've lost my keys. Can you help me to **look for** them?

**look AFTER** ... = *take care of, keep safe or in good condition*

- ☐ Alan is 85 and lives alone. He needs somebody to **look after** him. (*not look for*)  
☐ You can borrow this book, but you must promise to **look after** it.