

B1 ENGLISH

CHAPTER 7 Lesson 1

Grammar

In this lesson you will learn

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A verb + **to**

talk / speak TO somebody (**talk/speak with** is also possible)

- ☐ Who were you **talking to**?

listen TO ...

- ☐ When I'm driving, I like to **listen to** the radio. (*not* listen the radio)

apologise TO somebody (for ...)

- ☐ They **apologised to me** for their mistake. (*not* apologised me)

explain something **TO** somebody

- ☐ Can you **explain this word to me**? (*not* explain me this word)

explain / describe (to) somebody what/how/why ...

- ☐ I **explained to them** why I was worried. (*not* I explained them)

- ☐ Let me **describe to you** what I saw. (*not* Let me describe you)

B **phone** somebody, **ask** somebody etc. (*without to*)

phone / call / email / text somebody

- ☐ I **called the airline** to cancel my flight. (*not* called to the airline)

But we say '**write** (a letter) **to** somebody'.

answer somebody/something

- ☐ You didn't **answer my email**. (*not* answer to my email)

But we say **reply to** (an email / a letter etc.).

ask somebody (a question)

- ☐ If there's anything you want to know, you can **ask me**. (*not* ask to me)

thank somebody (**for** ...)

- ☐ He **thanked me** for helping him. (*not* He thanked to me)

C verb + **at**

look / stare / glance AT ..., **have a look / take a look AT** ...

- ☐ Why are you **looking at** me like that?

laugh AT ...

- ☐ I look stupid with this haircut. Everybody will **laugh at** me.

aim / point (something) **AT** ..., **shoot / fire** (a gun) **AT** ...

- ☐ Don't **point** that knife **at** me. It's dangerous.

- ☐ We saw someone with a gun **shooting at** birds, but he didn't hit any.

D Some verbs can be followed by **at** or **to**, with a difference in meaning. For example:

shout AT somebody (when you are angry or aggressive)

- ☐ He got very angry and started **shouting at** me.

shout TO somebody (so that they can hear you)

- ☐ He **shouted to** me from the other side of the street.

throw something **AT** somebody/something (to hit them)

- ☐ Somebody **threw** an egg **at** the politician.

throw something **TO** somebody (for somebody to catch)

- ☐ Lisa shouted 'Catch!' and **threw** the keys **to** me from the window.

Exercises

132.1 Which is correct?

- 1 a Can you explain this word to me? (*a is correct*)
b ~~Can you explain me this word?~~
- 2 a I got angry with Mark. Afterwards, I apologised to him.
b I got angry with Mark. Afterwards, I apologised him.
- 3 a Amy won't be able to help you. There's no point in asking to her.
b Amy won't be able to help you. There's no point in asking her.
- 4 a I need somebody to explain me what I have to do.
b I need somebody to explain to me what I have to do.
- 5 a They didn't understand the system, so I explained it to them.
b They didn't understand the system, so I explained it them.
- 6 a I like to sit on the beach and listen to the sound of the sea.
b I like to sit on the beach and listen the sound of the sea.
- 7 a I asked them to describe me exactly what happened.
b I asked them to describe to me exactly what happened.
- 8 a We'd better phone the restaurant to reserve a table.
b We'd better phone to the restaurant to reserve a table.
- 9 a It was a difficult question. I couldn't answer to it.
b It was a difficult question. I couldn't answer it.
- 10 a I explained everybody the reasons for my decision.
b I explained to everybody the reasons for my decision.
- 11 a I thanked everybody for all the help they had given me.
b I thanked to everybody for all the help they had given me.
- 12 a My friend texted to me to let me know she was going to be late.
b My friend texted me to let me know she was going to be late.

132.2 Complete the sentences. Use these verbs + the correct preposition:

explain laugh listen look point reply speak throw throw

- 1 I look stupid with this haircut. Everybody will laugh at me.
- 2 I don't understand this. Can you explain it to me?
- 3 We live in the same building, but we've never one another.
- 4 Be careful with those scissors! Don't them me!
- 5 You shouldn't directly the sun. You'll damage your eyes.
- 6 Please me! I've got something important to tell you.
- 7 Don't stones the birds!
- 8 If you don't want that sandwich, it the birds. They'll eat it.
- 9 I tried to contact Tina, but she didn't my emails.

132.3 Put in to or at.

- 1 They apologised to me for what happened.
- 2 I glanced my watch to see what time it was.
- 3 Please don't shout me! Try to calm down.
- 4 I saw Lisa and shouted her, but she didn't hear me.
- 5 Don't listen what he says. He doesn't know what he's talking about.
- 6 What's so funny? What are you laughing ?
- 7 Is it all right if I have a look your magazine?
- 8 I'm lonely. I need somebody to talk
- 9 She was so angry she threw a book the wall.
- 10 The woman sitting opposite me on the train kept staring me.
- 11 Do you have a moment? I need to speak you.

A verb + **about****talk / read / know ABOUT ...**

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

have a discussion ABOUT something

- ☐ We had **a discussion about** what we should do.

But we say '**discuss** something' (no preposition):

- ☐ We **discussed** what we should do. (*not discussed about*)

do something/nothing **ABOUT** something = *do something/nothing to improve a 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 we say 'ask somebody **the way / the time**' etc. (no preposition):

- ☐ I **asked** somebody **the way to the station**.

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

- ☐ I think you could do this job. Why don't you **apply for** it?

wait FOR somebody, **wait FOR** something (to happen)

- ☐ 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** work. (*not left to work*)

C **take care of, care for** and **care about****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.

care FOR somebody = *take care of them, keep them safe*

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

I don't **care FOR** something = *I don't like it*

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

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

- ☐ He's very selfish. He doesn't **care about** other people.

care what/where/how ... etc. (*without about*)

- ☐ You can do what you like. I don't **care what** you do.

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 please **look after** it.

Exercises

133.1 Which is right?

- 1 We searched everywhere Joe / searched everywhere for Joe, but we couldn't find him.
(searched everywhere for Joe is correct)
- 2 I sent her an email. Now I'm waiting for her to reply / waiting her to reply.
- 3 A security guard searched my bag / searched for my bag as I entered the building.
- 4 I paid the taxi driver and asked him a receipt / asked him for a receipt.
- 5 I wanted to get to the city centre, so I stopped a man to ask the way / to ask for the way.
- 6 We discussed about the problem / discussed the problem, but we didn't reach a decision.
- 7 There are many problems, but the government does nothing for them / nothing about them.
- 8 My flight is at 9.30. What time do I need to leave the hotel to the airport / for the airport?

133.2 Put in the correct preposition. If no preposition is necessary, leave the space empty.

- 1 I'm not going out yet. I'm waiting for the rain to stop.
- 2 I've applied three universities. I hope one of them accepts me.
- 3 If you don't want the job, there's no point in applying it.
- 4 I don't want to talk what happened last night. Let's forget it.
- 5 I don't want to discuss what happened last night. Let's forget it.
- 6 We had an interesting discussion the problem, but we didn't reach a decision.
- 7 My friends are in Italy. They're in Rome now and tomorrow they leave Milan.
- 8 The roof of the house is in bad condition. We need to do something it.

133.3 Put in the correct preposition after **care**. If no preposition is necessary, leave the space empty.

- 1 He's very selfish. He doesn't care about other people.
- 2 Who's going to take care you when you are old?
- 3 She doesn't care the exam. She doesn't care whether she passes or fails.
- 4 I don't like this coat very much. I don't care the colour.
- 5 Don't worry about the shopping. I'll take care that.
- 6 He gave up his job to care his elderly father.
- 7 I want to have a good holiday. I don't care the cost.
- 8 I want to have a good holiday. I don't care how much it costs.

133.4 Complete the sentences with **look for** or **look after**. Use the correct form of **look** (**looks/looked/looking**).

- 1 I looked for my keys, but I couldn't find them anywhere.
- 2 Kate is a job. I hope she finds one soon.
- 3 Who you when you were ill?
- 4 The car park was full, so we had to somewhere else to park.
- 5 A child minder is somebody who other people's children.
- 6 I'm Lisa. I need to ask her something. Have you seen her?

133.5 Complete the sentences with these verbs (in the correct form) + a preposition:

apply ask do leave look ~~search~~ talk wait

- 1 Police are searching for a man who escaped from prison.
- 2 Sarah wasn't ready. We had to her.
- 3 I think Amy likes her job, but she doesn't it much.
- 4 Don't me money. I don't have any.
- 5 Ben is unemployed. He has several jobs, but hasn't had any luck.
- 6 If something is wrong, why don't you something it?
- 7 Helen's car is very old, but she it. It's in excellent condition.
- 8 Diane is from Boston, but now she lives in Paris. She Boston Paris when she was 19.

A**hear ABOUT** ... = *be told about something*

- ☐ Did you **hear about** the fire at the hotel?

hear OF ... = *know that somebody/something exists*

- ☐ A: Who is Tom Hart?
B: I have no idea. I've never **heard of** him. (*not heard from him*)

hear FROM ... = *be in contact with somebody*

- ☐ A: Have you **heard from** Jane recently?
B: Yes, she called me a few days ago.

B**think ABOUT** something = *consider it, concentrate your mind on it:*

- ☐ I've **thought about** what you said and I've decided to take your advice.
☐ A: Will you lend me the money?
B: I'll **think about** it. (*not think of it*)

think OF something = *produce an idea:*

- ☐ It was my idea. I **thought of** it first. (*not thought about it*)
☐ I felt embarrassed. I couldn't **think of** anything to say. (*not think about anything*)

We also use **think of** when we ask for or give an opinion:

- ☐ A: What did you **think of** the movie?
B: I didn't **think** much **of** it. (= I didn't like it much)

Sometimes the difference is very small and you can use **of** or **about**:

- ☐ When I'm alone, I often **think of** you. or ... **think about** you.

You can say **think of** or **think about** doing something (for possible future actions):

- ☐ My sister is **thinking of** going to Canada. or ... **thinking about** going ...

C**dream ABOUT** ... (when you are asleep)

- ☐ I **dreamt about** you last night.

dream OF/ABOUT being something / doing something = *imagine*

- ☐ Do you **dream of** being rich and famous? or ... **dream about** being rich ...

I **wouldn't dream OF** doing something = *I would never do it*

- ☐ 'Don't tell anyone what I said.' 'No, I **wouldn't dream of** it.'

D**complain (TO somebody) ABOUT** ... = *say that you are not satisfied*

- ☐ We **complained to** the manager of the restaurant **about** the food.

complain OF a pain, an illness etc. = *say that you have a pain etc.*

- ☐ We called the doctor because George was **complaining of** a pain in his stomach.

E**remind** somebody **ABOUT** ... = *tell somebody not to forget*

- ☐ It's good you **reminded me about** the meeting. I'd completely forgotten about it.

remind somebody **OF** ... = *cause somebody to remember*

- ☐ This house **reminds me of** the one I lived in when I was a child.
☐ Look at this photograph of Richard. Who does he **remind you of**?

Exercises

134.1 Complete the sentences using **hear** or **heard** + a preposition (**about/of/from**).

- I'm surprised you haven't heard of her. She's quite famous.
- 'Did you the accident last night?' 'No, what happened?'
- Sarah used to call me quite often, but I haven't her for a long time now.
- 'Have you William Hudson?' 'No. Who is he?'
- Thanks for your email. It was good to you.
- 'Do you want to our trip?' 'Not now. Tell me later.'
- I live in a very small town. You've probably never it.

134.2 Complete the sentences using **think about** or **think of**. Sometimes both **about** and **of** are possible. Use the correct form of **think** (**think/thinking/thought**).

- I've thought about what you said and I've decided to take your advice.
- I need time to make decisions. I like to things carefully.
- You look serious. What are you ?
- That's a good idea. Why didn't I that?
- I don't really want to meet Tom tonight. I'll have to an excuse.
- I'm buying a new car. What would you advise me to buy?
- When I was offered the job, I didn't accept immediately. I went away and it for a while. In the end I decided to take the job.
- A: I've just finished reading the book you lent me.
B: What did you it? Did you like it?
- A: Will you be able to help me?
B: I'm not sure. I'll it.
- I don't much this coffee. It's like water.
- Katherine is homesick. She's always her family back home.
- A: Do you think I should apply to do the course?
B: I can't any reason why not.

134.3 Put in the correct preposition.

- Did you hear about the fire at the hotel yesterday?
- I love living here. I wouldn't dream going anywhere else.
- A: I had a strange dream last night.
B: Did you? What did you dream ?
- I love this music. It reminds me a warm day in spring.
- A: We've got no money. What are we going to do?
B: Don't worry. I'll think something.
- Our neighbours complained us the noise we made.
- Paul was complaining pains in his chest, so he went to the doctor.
- He loves his job. He thinks it all the time, he dreams it, he talks it and I'm fed up with hearing it.

134.4 Complete the sentences using these verbs (in the correct form) + a preposition:

complain dream hear remind remind think think

- It was my idea. I thought of it first.
- Ben is never satisfied. He's always something.
- I can't make a decision yet. I need time to your proposal.
- He's not a well-known singer. Not many people have him.
- A: You wouldn't go away without telling me, would you?
B: Of course not. I wouldn't it.
- I would have forgotten my appointment if you hadn't me it.
- Do you see that man over there? Does he you anybody you know?

A verb + **of****accuse / suspect** somebody **OF** ...

- ☐ Tina **accused** me **of** being selfish.
- ☐ Some students were **suspected of** cheating in the exam.

approve / disapprove OF ...

- ☐ His parents don't **approve of** what he does, but they can't stop him.

die OF or die FROM an illness etc.

- ☐ 'What did he **die of**?' 'A heart attack.'

consist OF ...

- ☐ We had an enormous meal. It **consisted of** seven courses.

B verb + **for****pay** (somebody) **FOR** ...

- ☐ We didn't have enough money to **pay for** the meal. (*not* pay the meal)
- But we say '**pay** a bill / a fine / a fee / tax / rent / a sum of money' etc. (no preposition)
- ☐ We didn't have enough money to **pay the rent**.

thank / forgive somebody **FOR** ...

- ☐ I'll never **forgive** them **for** what they did.

apologise (TO somebody) FOR ...

- ☐ When I realised I was wrong, I **apologised (to them) for** my mistake.

blame somebody/something **FOR** ... , somebody is **to blame FOR** ...

- ☐ Everybody **blamed** me **for** the accident.
- ☐ Everybody said that I was **to blame for** the accident.

blame (a problem etc.) **ON** ...

- ☐ It wasn't my fault. Don't **blame** it **on** me.

C verb + **from****suffer FROM** an illness etc.

- ☐ There's been an increase in the number of people **suffering from** heart disease.

protect somebody/something **FROM** ...

- ☐ Sun cream **protects** the skin **from** the sun.

D verb + **on****depend ON** ... , **rely ON** ...

- ☐ I don't know what time we'll arrive. It **depends on** the traffic.
 - ☐ You can **rely on** Anna. She always keeps her promises.
- You can use **depend + when/where/how** etc. with or without **on**:
- ☐ 'Are you going to buy it?' 'It **depends how much** it is.' (*or* 'It depends **on** how much ...')

live ON money/food

- ☐ Michael's salary is very low. It isn't enough to **live on**.

congratulate / compliment somebody **ON** ...

- ☐ I **congratulated** her **on** doing so well in her exams.
- ☐ The meal was really good. I **complimented** Mark **on** his cooking skills.

Exercises

135.1 Put in the correct preposition. If no preposition is necessary, leave the space empty.

- 1 Some students were suspected of cheating in the exam.
- 2 Are you going to apologise what you did?
- 3 The apartment consists three rooms, a kitchen and bathroom.
- 4 I was accused lying, but I was telling the truth.
- 5 We finished our meal, paid the bill, and left the restaurant.
- 6 The accident was my fault, so I had to pay the repairs.
- 7 Some people are dying hunger, while others eat too much.
- 8 I called Helen to thank her the present she sent me.
- 9 The government is popular. Most people approve its policies.
- 10 Do you blame the government our economic problems?
- 11 When something goes wrong, you always blame it other people.
- 12 Forgive me interrupting, but I'd like to ask you something.

135.2 Complete the second sentence so that it means the same as the first.

- 1 Sue said that I was selfish.
Sue accused me of being selfish
- 2 The misunderstanding was my fault, so I apologised.
I apologised
- 3 Jane won the tournament, so I congratulated her.
I congratulated
- 4 He has enemies, and he has a bodyguard to protect him.
He has a bodyguard to protect
- 5 Sandra eats only bread and eggs.
Sandra lives
- 6 You can't say that the bad weather is my fault.
You can't blame
- 7 The police thought my friend had stolen a car.
The police suspected

135.3 Complete the sentences using these verbs (in the correct form) + a preposition:

accuse apologise approve congratulate depend live pay suffer

- 1 His parents don't approve of what he does, but they can't stop him.
- 2 When you went to the theatre with Paul, who the tickets?
- 3 It's not pleasant when you are something you didn't do.
- 4 We hope to go to the beach tomorrow, but it the weather.
- 5 Things are cheap there. You can very little money.
- 6 You were rude to Lisa. I think you should her.
- 7 Alex back pain. He spends too much time working at his desk.
- 8 I called Jack to him passing his driving test.

135.4 Put in the correct preposition. If no preposition is necessary, leave the space empty.

- 1 I'll never forgive them for what they did.
- 2 Vaccinations may protect you a number of diseases.
- 3 You know you can always rely me if you need any help.
- 4 Sophie will have to borrow money to pay her college fees.
- 5 She's often unwell. She suffers very bad headaches.
- 6 I don't know whether I'll go out tonight. It depends how I feel.
- 7 Anna doesn't have a job. She depends her parents for money.
- 8 My usual breakfast consists fruit, cereal and coffee.
- 9 I complimented her her English. It was really good.

Verb + preposition 5 in/into/with/to/on

A verb + in

believe IN ... = *believe that something exists, believe that it's good to do something*

☐ Do you **believe in** God? (= do you believe that God exists?)

☐ I **believe in** saying what I think. (= I believe it is right to say what I think)

but 'believe something' (= believe that it is true), 'believe somebody' (= believe what they say):

☐ The story can't be true. I don't **believe it**. (*not believe in it*)

specialise IN ...

☐ Helen is a lawyer. She **specialises in** company law.

succeed IN ...

☐ I hope you **succeed in** finding the job you want.

B verb + into

break INTO ...

☐ Our house was **broken into** a few days ago, but nothing was stolen.

crash / drive / bump / run INTO ...

☐ He lost control of the car and **crashed into** a wall.

divide / cut / split something **INTO** two or more parts

☐ The book is **divided into** three parts.

translate a book etc. **FROM** one language **INTO** another

☐ She's a famous writer. Her books have been **translated into** many languages.

C verb + with

collide WITH ...

☐ There was an accident this morning. A bus **collided with** a car.

fill something **WITH** ... (*but full of* – see Unit 131A)

☐ Take this saucepan and **fill it with** water.

provide / supply somebody **WITH** ...

☐ The school **provides** all its students **with** books.

D verb + to

happen TO ...

☐ What **happened to** that gold watch you used to have? (= where is it now?)

invite somebody **TO** a party / a wedding etc.

☐ They only **invited** a few people **to** their wedding.

prefer one thing **TO** another

☐ I **prefer** tea **to** coffee.

E verb + on

concentrate ON ...

☐ I tried to **concentrate on** my work, but I kept thinking about other things.

insist ON ...

☐ I wanted to go alone, but some friends of mine **insisted on** coming with me.

spend (money) **ON** ...

☐ How much do you **spend on** food each week?

Exercises

136.1 Complete the sentences using these verbs (in the correct form) + a preposition:believe break concentrate divide drive fill happen ~~insist~~ invite succeed

- I wanted to go alone, but my friends insisted on coming with me.
- I haven't seen Mike for ages. I wonder what has him.
- It's a very large house. It's four apartments.
- We've been the party, but unfortunately we can't go.
- I don't ghosts. I think people imagine that they see them.
- Steve gave me an empty bucket and told me to it water.
- A burglar is someone who a house to steal things.
- Don't try and do two things together. one thing at a time.
- It wasn't easy, but in the end we finding a solution to the problem.
- The car in front of me stopped suddenly. Unfortunately I couldn't stop in time and the back of it.

136.2 Complete the second sentence so that it means the same as the first.

- There was a collision between a bus and a car.
A bus collided with a car
- I don't mind big cities, but I prefer small towns.
I prefer
- I got all the information I needed from the company.
The company provided me
- This morning I bought a pair of shoes, which cost eighty pounds.
This morning I spent
- There are ten districts in the city.
The city is divided

136.3 Put in the correct preposition. If the sentence is already complete, leave the space empty.

- The school provides all its students with books.
- A strange thing happened me a few days ago.
- Mark decided to give up sport to concentrate his studies.
- Money should be used well. I don't believe wasting it.
- My present job isn't wonderful, but I prefer it what I did before.
- I hope you succeed getting what you want.
- Ben was injured playing football when he collided another player.
- There was an awful noise as the car crashed a tree.
- Patrick is a photographer. He specialises sports photography.
- Joe doesn't spend much money clothes.
- I was amazed when I heard the news. I couldn't believe it.
- Somebody broke my car and stole my bag.
- I was quite cold, but Tom insisted having the window open.
- The teacher decided to split the class four groups.
- I filled the tank, but unfortunately I filled it the wrong kind of fuel.
- Some things are difficult to translate one language another.

136.4 Use your own ideas to complete these sentences. Use a preposition.

- I wanted to go out alone, but my friend insisted on coming with me
- I spend a lot of money
- I saw an accident. A car crashed
- Chris prefers basketball
- The restaurant we went to specialises
- Shakespeare's plays have been translated