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prepositions after verbs and nouns

verb + preposition

Here are summaries of the way common verbs combine with particular prepositions or particles (in the heading):

about	with	to	for	of
agree	agree	agree	apologise	approve
dream	deal	apply	pay	dream
hear	compare	belong	wait	accuse
laugh	discuss	listen	admire	remind
know	cope	go	forgive	die
forget	provide	refer	punish	smell
quarrel	sympathise	speak	work	consist
worry	collide	shout	like	taste

at	in	from	on
arrive	arrive	differ	insist
laugh	succeed	resign	rely
look	believe	suffer	congratulate
shout	include	stop	bet
joke	involve	recover	decide
stare	persist	come	count

noun + preposition

Here are summaries of the way nouns combine with particular prepositions (in the headings):

with	of	to	from	about
relationship	delay	damage	departure	discussion
trouble	description	reaction	protection	information
connection	hope	reply	fall	quarrel
contract	idea	solution	extract	argument
agreement	lack	objection	phone call	debate
harmony	map	thanks		hesitation

between	in	for	on
choice	decrease	excuse	advice
comparison	delay	reason	attack
connection	expert	reputation	book
contact	failure	respect	expert
relationship	increase	responsibility	talk

connect with, connect to, connection between

- **Connect to** means 'to join two or more things':
*First, **connect** the speakers **to** the CD player.*
- **Connect with** means 'to realise that two facts or events are connected':
*The police did not **connect** her **with** the crime.*
- **Connection between** means 'the way two facts, ideas or events are related to each other':
*There is a proven **connection between** smoking and cancer.*

hear of, hear about, hear from

- **Hear of** means 'to know that something or someone exists':
*I've never **heard of** him in my life.*
- **Hear about** means 'to find out a piece of information':
*Did you **hear about** the fire?*
- **Hear from** means 'to receive news from someone e.g. in a letter or by e-mail':
*Have you **heard from** Sarah lately?*

pay by, pay for, pay in

- We **pay for** something when we buy it:
*She **paid** \$200 **for** the use of the room.*
- **Pay by** means 'pay using':
*Can I **pay by** Visa?*
- We **pay in** a particular currency:
*Can I **pay in** euros / English pounds?*

shout at, to, for, in

- **Shout at** somebody means 'to say something very loudly because you are angry':
*I wish you'd stop **shouting at** the children.*
- **Shout to** somebody means 'to shout so they can hear':
*The children **shouted to** each other.*
- **Shout for** means 'to shout in order to get':
*He rushed out of the house, **shouting for** help.
I **shouted for** the children to come and eat.*
- **Shout in** + noun means 'to shout because of':
*He **shouted in** pain as the ball hit him.*