

Practice

1 Which preposition goes with the following groups of verbs and nouns?

verbs	preposition
1 object, refer, manage, explain, compare, invite, talk
2 forgive, blame, charge, care, apply, arrest, search
3 tell, boast, care, complain, argue, hear
4 smile, throw, glance
5 switch, concentrate, depend
6 charge, communicate, connect, argue, interfere

nouns	preposition
7 damage, invitation, solution, letter, attitude
8 cheque, demand, need, advertisement
9 knowledge, experience, opinion, plan, drawing / painting

2 Fill in each space in the following sentences with the correct preposition.

- I was tired being an accountant – I needed a change.
- The Government have known the scandal for months.
- Why are you staring me like that?
- On Friday we had a nice long discussion the wording of the proposal.
- We'd like to discuss our contract with you and agree new terms, if possible.
- It's hard to see the difference the centre and the liberal party.
- Luke is afraid the dark.
- He's an expert electronic music.
- The twins differed each other in many ways.
- I was ashamed having lied to her.
- I don't think Branson is capable committing murder.

- While he was writing on the blackboard, the kids were shouting each other. It was chaos.
- I don't see any connection the book and the film at all.
- Mother disapproves every boyfriend I bring home.
- Have you ever heard a painter called Tiepolo?

3 Read the letter below and add the preposition which best fits each space. The first (0) is given as an example.

Dear Ms Jones

I am writing (0) reply to your advertisement (1) secretaries to work (2) your central offices. I had already heard (3) you from a friend of mine, Jenny Mansfield, who worked (4) you a few years ago (5) the sales department. I would be interested (6) applying (7) a full-time post. I am quite experienced (8) secretarial work, and would have little difficulty (9) the duties the current job involves. I think I'm quite skilled (10) word processing. I also have wide experience (11) handling members of the public. I enclose a reference (12) my previous employer and copies (13) my certificates. I would be happy to come for an interview at any time which is convenient for you. I look forward to hearing (14) you.

Yours sincerely,

Anne Dale

*I like **talking to** a brick wall; it's the only thing in the world that never contradicts me.*

OSCAR WILDE