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Dependent Prepositions

Complete Reference Guide

1066 entries across 67 categories

Verbs, adjectives, and nouns with their
dependent prepositions, definitions, and example sentences.

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● Following rules, obeying, complying (10 entries)

abide by	Verb	<i>to follow or accept a rule or decision</i> You must abide by the rules.
adhere to	Verb	<i>to follow rules or standards closely</i> Please adhere to the guidelines.
comply with	Verb	<i>to act in accordance with rules or requests</i> You must comply with the regulations.
conform to/with	Verb	<i>to meet established standards or norms</i> The building conforms to safety standards.
stick to	Verb	<i>to continue doing something without changing</i> Stick to the point.
keep to	Verb	<i>to stay within limits or follow a plan</i> Please keep to the topic.
submit to	Verb	<i>to accept or yield to authority or power</i> He submitted to the authority of the court.
adherence to	Noun	<i>the act of following rules or standards closely</i> Adherence to the syllabus is expected.
compliance with	Noun	<i>the act of obeying rules or regulations</i> Compliance with the rules is mandatory.
obedient to	Adj	<i>willing to do what is asked or ordered</i> The dog is obedient to its owner.

● Agreeing, approving, consenting (15 entries)

agree on	Verb	<i>to reach a shared decision about something</i> They agreed on a price.
agree to	Verb	<i>to accept or say yes to a proposal</i> He agreed to the terms.
agree with	Verb	<i>to share the same opinion as someone</i> I agree with your analysis.
concur with	Verb	<i>to agree with someone's opinion</i> I concur with your assessment.
consent to	Verb	<i>to give permission or agree to something</i> He consented to the procedure.
go along with	Verb	<i>to agree to follow someone's idea or plan</i> I'll go along with your suggestion.
approve of	Verb	<i>to think that something is good or acceptable</i> My parents don't approve of smoking.
approval of	Noun	<i>official or personal acceptance of something</i> She won the approval of the committee.
agreeable to	Adj	<i>willing to agree; acceptable to someone</i> The plan is agreeable to all parties.
amenable to	Adj	<i>willing to accept or cooperate</i> He's amenable to feedback.
receptive to	Adj	<i>willing to listen to and consider new ideas</i> She's receptive to new ideas.
open to	Adj	<i>willing to consider new ideas or suggestions</i> I'm open to suggestions.
agreement on	Noun	<i>a shared decision about a particular matter</i> They reached an agreement on the terms.
agreement with	Noun	<i>a formal arrangement between two parties</i> The agreement with the supplier was signed.
agreement between	Noun	<i>a mutual arrangement between two or more parties</i> There's an agreement between the two firms.

● Disagreeing, objecting, opposing (13 entries)

disagree about	Verb	<i>to have a different opinion on a topic</i> They disagree about the best approach.
disagree with	Verb	<i>to hold a different view from someone</i> I disagree with that interpretation.
object to	Verb	<i>to express disapproval or opposition</i> She objected to the decision.
protest	Verb	<i>to express strong disapproval publicly</i> They protested against the cuts.
argue against	Verb	<i>to give reasons why something is wrong</i> She argued against the proposal.
rebel against	Verb	<i>to resist or refuse to obey authority</i> Teenagers rebel against authority.
rage against	Verb	<i>to express fierce anger</i> Students raged against the new policy.
dissent from	Verb	<i>to disagree with an official or majority view</i> Several members dissented from the majority view.
opposed to	Adj	<i>strongly against something</i> He's opposed to rote learning.
hostile to/towards	Adj	<i>showing strong opposition or dislike</i> She seemed hostile towards the idea.
objection to	Noun	<i>a reason for disagreeing with something</i> Are there any objections to this plan?
argument against	Noun	<i>a reason for opposing something</i> There's a strong argument against this policy.
defiant of	Adj	<i>openly refusing to obey authority</i> She was defiant of convention.

● Arguing, debating, quarrelling (12 entries)

argue about	Verb	<i>to exchange opposing views on a topic</i> They argued about money.
argue for	Verb	<i>to give reasons in support of something</i> He argued for higher wages.
argue with	Verb	<i>to have a disagreement with someone</i> Don't argue with the referee.
quarrel about/over	Verb	<i>to have an angry disagreement about something</i> They quarrelled over the best method.
quarrel with	Verb	<i>to have a reason to disagree with someone</i> I have no quarrel with that approach.
clash with	Verb	<i>to conflict with; to disagree strongly</i> The meeting clashes with my class.
conflict with	Verb	<i>to be incompatible or contradictory</i> His statement conflicts with the evidence.
dispute about/over	Noun	<i>a disagreement about something</i> There's a dispute over copyright.
debate about/on	Noun	<i>a discussion of opposing views on a topic</i> There's an ongoing debate about homework.
argument about	Noun	<i>a disagreement or exchange of opposing views</i> They had an argument about politics.
argument for	Noun	<i>a reason supporting a position</i> She presented an argument for reform.
conflict between	Noun	<i>a serious disagreement or incompatibility</i> There's a conflict between the two versions.

● Blaming, accusing, condemning (12 entries)

accuse (sb) of	Verb	<i>to say someone has done something wrong</i> She accused him of lying.
blame (sb) for	Verb	<i>to say someone is responsible for something bad</i> Don't blame me for your mistakes.
blame on	Verb	<i>to say something was caused by a particular thing</i> She blamed the accident on the weather.
charge (sb) with	Verb	<i>to formally accuse someone of a crime</i> He was charged with theft.
condemn (sb) for	Verb	<i>to express strong disapproval of someone</i> He was condemned for his remarks.
criticise (sb) for	Verb	<i>to express disapproval of someone's actions</i> She was criticised for her tone.
suspect of	Verb	<i>to believe someone may be guilty of something</i> He was suspected of plagiarism.
accusation against	Noun	<i>a claim that someone has done wrong</i> The accusation against him was dropped.
accusation of	Noun	<i>a claim of a specific wrongdoing</i> He faced an accusation of fraud.
criticism of	Noun	<i>the expression of disapproval</i> There was criticism of the decision.
critical of	Adj	<i>expressing disapproval or negative judgement</i> He's critical of the government.
dismissive of	Adj	<i>treating something as unworthy of consideration</i> He's dismissive of alternative approaches.

● Apologising, forgiving, excusing (8 entries)

apologise for	Verb	<i>to say sorry for something you did</i> He apologised for being rude.
forgive (sb) for	Verb	<i>to stop feeling angry about someone's fault</i> She forgave him for being late.
apology for	Noun	<i>a statement of regret for a mistake or offence</i> She offered an apology for the error.
excuse for	Noun	<i>a reason given to justify a fault or mistake</i> There's no excuse for plagiarism.
ashamed of	Adj	<i>feeling embarrassed or guilty about something</i> He's ashamed of his behaviour.
regret about/for	Noun	<i>a feeling of sadness about something done</i> He has no regrets about leaving.
sorry about	Adj	<i>feeling regret about a situation</i> I'm sorry about the confusion.
sorry for	Adj	<i>feeling sympathy or pity for someone</i> She felt sorry for the student.

● Praising, congratulating, thanking (12 entries)

congratulate (sb)	Verb	<i>to express pleasure at someone's achievement</i> I congratulated her on her promotion.
compliment (sb) on	Verb	<i>to praise a specific quality someone has</i> I complimented her on her pronunciation.
praise for	Noun	<i>expression of approval or admiration</i> She received praise for her teaching.
credit for	Noun	<i>recognition for an achievement or contribution</i> She deserves credit for the idea.
tribute to	Noun	<i>something done to show respect or admiration</i> The award is a tribute to her dedication.

grateful for	Adj	<i>feeling thankful for something received</i> I'm grateful for your feedback.
grateful to	Adj	<i>feeling thankful towards a person</i> We're grateful to our supporters.
thankful for	Adj	<i>pleased and relieved about something</i> We're thankful for the extra resources.
appreciation for	Noun	<i>recognition and gratitude for something</i> She showed appreciation for the feedback.
appreciation of	Noun	<i>an understanding of the value of something</i> She has a deep appreciation of music.
admiration for	Noun	<i>a feeling of respect and approval</i> I have great admiration for her courage.
admire (sb) for	Verb	<i>to respect someone for a quality they have</i> I admire her for her honesty.

● Happiness, satisfaction, pleasure (15 entries)

pleased about/with	Adj	<i>feeling happy about something</i> I'm pleased with your progress.
happy about	Adj	<i>feeling pleasure about a situation</i> I'm happy about the result.
happy with	Adj	<i>satisfied with a result or outcome</i> She's happy with her grade.
satisfied with	Adj	<i>content because expectations have been met</i> I'm satisfied with the outcome.
content with	Adj	<i>peacefully happy with what one has</i> She's content with her results.
contented with	Adj	<i>feeling satisfaction and ease</i> She's contented with her progress.
delighted at/with	Adj	<i>very pleased about something</i> She was delighted with the results.
thrilled about/with	Adj	<i>extremely pleased and excited</i> She was thrilled with her band score.
ecstatic about	Adj	<i>overwhelmingly happy about something</i> They were ecstatic about the results.
glad about	Adj	<i>feeling pleasure or relief</i> I'm glad about the outcome.
pleasure in	Noun	<i>enjoyment derived from an activity</i> She takes pleasure in marking good essays.
joy in	Noun	<i>a deep feeling of happiness from something</i> She takes joy in teaching.
satisfaction with	Noun	<i>fulfilment of expectations or desires</i> There is high satisfaction with the course.
delight in	Verb	<i>to take great pleasure in something</i> He delights in wordplay.
gratification from	Noun	<i>pleasure from having achieved something</i> She gets gratification from teaching.

● Sadness, disappointment, dissatisfaction (12 entries)

sad about	Adj	<i>feeling unhappy about a situation</i> She's sad about leaving the school.
upset about	Adj	<i>feeling troubled or distressed</i> She's upset about the feedback.
unhappy about/with	Adj	<i>not satisfied or pleased</i> She's unhappy with the decision.
disappointed	Adj	<i>sad because expectations were not met</i> I was disappointed in the result.

dissatisfied with	Adj	<i>not content; wanting something better</i> She's dissatisfied with the service.
disenchanted with	Adj	<i>having lost enthusiasm or belief in something</i> Students are disenchanted with rote learning.
disillusioned with	Adj	<i>disappointed after discovering the truth</i> She's disillusioned with the education system.
despondent about	Adj	<i>feeling very low and without hope</i> He's despondent about his test results.
heartbroken about	Adj	<i>extremely sad about something</i> She's heartbroken about leaving the school.
disapproval of	Noun	<i>a feeling that something is wrong or bad</i> She expressed disapproval of the plan.
disapprove of	Verb	<i>to think that something is wrong or bad</i> They disapprove of his behaviour.
dislike of	Noun	<i>a feeling that something is unpleasant or unwelcome</i> He has a dislike of public speaking.

● **Anger, annoyance, frustration** (18 entries)

angry about	Adj	<i>feeling strong displeasure about a situation</i> She's angry about the delay.
angry at	Adj	<i>feeling strong displeasure directed at someone</i> He was angry at himself.
angry with	Adj	<i>feeling strong displeasure with a person</i> I'm angry with you for being late.
annoyed about	Adj	<i>slightly angry about a situation</i> She's annoyed about the noise.
annoyed at	Adj	<i>slightly angry because of an event or action</i> He was annoyed at the interruption.
annoyed with	Adj	<i>slightly angry with a person</i> I'm annoyed with him.
furious about	Adj	<i>extremely angry about something</i> He's furious about the cancellation.
furious at/with	Adj	<i>extremely angry directed at someone</i> She was furious with the supplier.
outraged at/by	Adj	<i>shocked and extremely angry</i> Parents were outraged by the decision.
indignant about	Adj	<i>angry because of unfair treatment</i> Staff were indignant about the pay freeze.
irritated by/with	Adj	<i>mildly annoyed by something or someone</i> I'm irritated by constant interruptions.
exasperated by/with	Adj	<i>intensely frustrated after repeated annoyance</i> She's exasperated with the constant noise.
frustrated by/with	Adj	<i>upset at being unable to change something</i> I'm frustrated with my lack of progress.
anger at	Noun	<i>a strong feeling of displeasure towards someone</i> There was widespread anger at the decision.
fed up with	Adj	<i>bored and annoyed after too much of something</i> I'm fed up with these irregular verbs.
sick of	Adj	<i>thoroughly tired of something</i> I'm sick of repeating myself.
tired of	Adj	<i>bored or impatient with something</i> I'm tired of correcting the same mistakes.
weary of	Adj	<i>feeling exhausted by something tedious</i> I'm weary of repetitive drills.

● Fear, anxiety, worry (13 entries)

afraid of	Adj	<i>feeling fear towards something</i> She's afraid of spiders.
frightened of	Adj	<i>feeling fear or alarm</i> She's frightened of flying.
terrified of	Adj	<i>feeling extreme fear of something</i> He's terrified of public speaking.
fearful of	Adj	<i>feeling afraid or anxious</i> She's fearful of making mistakes.
anxious about	Adj	<i>feeling worry or unease</i> She's anxious about the exam.
worried about	Adj	<i>feeling troubled about a possible problem</i> She's worried about the speaking exam.
nervous about	Adj	<i>feeling tense or uneasy</i> She's nervous about the oral exam.
apprehensive about	Adj	<i>feeling anxious about a future event</i> He's apprehensive about the interview.
concern about	Noun	<i>a feeling of worry about a problem</i> There is growing concern about standards.
fear of	Noun	<i>an unpleasant emotion caused by a threat or danger</i> He has a fear of public speaking.
worry about	Verb	<i>to feel troubled about a potential problem</i> Don't worry about minor errors.
alarmed at/by	Adj	<i>feeling sudden fear or concern</i> She was alarmed at the news.
daunted by	Adj	<i>feeling intimidated by something difficult</i> Don't be daunted by the length of the text.

● Surprise, shock, amazement (9 entries)

surprised at/by	Adj	<i>feeling astonishment at an unexpected event</i> I was surprised by the results.
amazed at/by	Adj	<i>feeling great surprise or wonder</i> We were amazed at the result.
astonished at/by	Adj	<i>feeling extreme surprise</i> She was astonished at the news.
shocked at/by	Adj	<i>feeling sudden distress</i> I was shocked by the low scores.
bewildered by	Adj	<i>feeling confused and unsure how to react</i> She was bewildered by the new rules.
baffled by	Adj	<i>completely unable to understand something</i> I was baffled by the exception.
puzzled about/by	Adj	<i>unable to understand something; confused</i> I'm puzzled by this exception.
confused about/by	Adj	<i>unable to think clearly about something</i> I'm confused about the instructions.
astonishment at	Noun	<i>a feeling of great surprise</i> His astonishment at the result was clear.

● Interest, enthusiasm, passion, fascination (24 entries)

interested in	Adj	<i>wanting to know more about something</i> They're interested in taking the exam.
fascinated by	Adj	<i>extremely interested and attracted</i> She's fascinated by etymology.
captivated by	Adj	<i>having one's attention held completely</i> The audience was captivated by the speaker.

entranced by	Adj	<i>filled with wonder and delight</i> The class was entranced by the story.
engrossed in	Adj	<i>completely absorbed in an activity</i> She was engrossed in the reading passage.
absorbed in	Adj	<i>having all attention focused on something</i> He was absorbed in his novel.
immersed in	Adj	<i>deeply involved in or surrounded by something</i> Students should be immersed in the language.
enthusiastic about	Adj	<i>showing intense enjoyment or interest</i> They're enthusiastic about the idea.
passionate about	Adj	<i>having very strong feelings about a topic</i> He's passionate about literature.
keen on	Adj	<i>eager or enthusiastic about something</i> She's keen on improving her writing.
crazy about	Adj	<i>extremely enthusiastic (informal)</i> He's crazy about football.
mad about	Adj	<i>very enthusiastic about something</i> He's mad about linguistics.
hooked on	Adj	<i>addicted to or very enthusiastic about something</i> She's hooked on that TV series.
enamoured of/with	Adj	<i>charmed by or in love with someone</i> He's enamoured with the city.
infatuated with	Adj	<i>having an intense but often short-lived passion</i> She's infatuated with English literature.
curious about	Adj	<i>eager to know or learn about something</i> Children are curious about everything.
interest in	Noun	<i>a desire to know about a particular subject</i> She has a keen interest in phonology.
enthusiasm for	Noun	<i>intense enjoyment or eagerness</i> His enthusiasm for the subject is infectious.
passion for	Noun	<i>a very strong feeling of liking or enthusiasm</i> She has a passion for languages.
fascination with	Noun	<i>an intense interest in something</i> He has a fascination with slang.
excitement about	Noun	<i>a feeling of eager enthusiasm</i> There's great excitement about the launch.
appetite for	Noun	<i>a strong desire or liking for something</i> She has a huge appetite for adventure.
zeal for	Noun	<i>great energy or enthusiasm for a cause or activity</i> His zeal for grammar is impressive.
hunger for	Noun	<i>a strong desire or craving</i> He has a hunger for knowledge.

● Indifference, boredom, apathy (11 entries)

bored of/with	Adj	<i>feeling tired and uninterested</i> I'm bored with this exercise.
indifferent to	Adj	<i>showing no interest or concern</i> He seems indifferent to feedback.
oblivious of/to	Adj	<i>not aware of what is happening</i> He's oblivious to the noise.
numb to	Adj	<i>unable to feel or respond to something</i> He's become numb to criticism.
impervious to	Adj	<i>not affected or influenced by something</i> He seems impervious to criticism.
immune to	Adj	<i>not affected by something</i> Nobody is immune to criticism.

apathetic	Adj	<i>showing no interest or concern</i> Some students are apathetic about homework.
insensitive to	Adj	<i>not aware of or caring about others' feelings</i> He's insensitive to other people's feelings.
unaware of	Adj	<i>not knowing about something</i> He was unaware of the rule.
ignorant of	Adj	<i>lacking knowledge about a subject</i> He's ignorant of the rules.
blind to	Adj	<i>unable or unwilling to see something obvious</i> He's blind to his own faults.

● **Liking, fondness, preference** (14 entries)

fond of	Adj	<i>having an affection or liking for something</i> She's fond of reading.
partial to	Adj	<i>having a special liking for something</i> He's partial to a good debate.
fondness for	Noun	<i>an affection or liking for something</i> He has a fondness for puns.
affection for	Noun	<i>a gentle feeling of caring or liking</i> He has great affection for his hometown.
taste for	Noun	<i>a liking or preference for something</i> He has a taste for complex grammar.
penchant for	Noun	<i>a strong habitual liking for something</i> She has a penchant for complex grammar.
preference for	Noun	<i>a greater liking for one thing over another</i> He has a preference for formal English.
prefer to	Verb	<i>to like one thing more than another</i> I prefer writing to speaking.
flair for	Noun	<i>a natural ability or talent for something</i> She has a flair for creative writing.
affinity for/with	Noun	<i>a natural liking or connection with something</i> She has a natural affinity for languages.
craving for	Noun	<i>an intense desire for something</i> She has a craving for chocolate.
longing for	Noun	<i>a deep persistent desire for something</i> She has a longing for home.
long for	Verb	<i>to want something very much</i> He longs for warmer weather.
yearn for	Verb	<i>to have an intense desire for something</i> She yearned for a career change.

● **Dislike, aversion, hostility, contempt** (11 entries)

averse to	Adj	<i>strongly opposed to or disliking something</i> She's averse to taking unnecessary risks.
antipathy towards	Noun	<i>a deep-seated feeling of dislike</i> He has an antipathy towards grammar drills.
contempt for	Noun	<i>a feeling something is worthless</i> He showed contempt for the rules.
prejudice against	Noun	<i>an unfair preconceived opinion</i> There's still prejudice against certain accents.
prejudiced against	Adj	<i>having unfair preconceived opinions</i> Don't be prejudiced against non-standard forms.
bias against	Noun	<i>an unfair tendency to oppose something</i> There's a bias against older applicants.
bias towards	Noun	<i>an unfair tendency to favour something</i> The system has a bias towards the wealthy.

resentment	Noun	<i>bitter indignation at unfair treatment</i> There's resentment towards the policy.
resentful of	Adj	<i>feeling bitterness about unfair treatment</i> He's resentful of the extra workload.
grievance against	Noun	<i>a formal complaint about unfair treatment</i> He filed a grievance against the school.
frown on	Verb	<i>to disapprove of something</i> The school frowns on tardiness.

● Confidence, certainty, belief, trust (17 entries)

confident in/of	Adj	<i>feeling sure about something or someone</i> She's confident of passing.
certain about/of	Adj	<i>completely sure about something</i> I'm certain of the answer.
sure about/of	Adj	<i>feeling confident that something is true</i> I'm not sure about the answer.
believe in	Verb	<i>to have faith in the value of something</i> I believe in equal opportunities.
trust in	Noun	<i>firm belief in the reliability of someone</i> Trust in the process.
confide in	Verb	<i>to tell secrets to someone you trust</i> She confided in her best friend.
faith in	Noun	<i>complete trust or confidence in something</i> I have faith in your ability.
belief in	Noun	<i>a conviction that something is true or right</i> Her belief in justice is unwavering.
confidence in	Noun	<i>a feeling of trust in someone's ability</i> I have confidence in the team.
count on	Verb	<i>to rely on someone or something</i> You can count on my support.
rely on	Verb	<i>to depend on with full trust or confidence</i> Don't rely on spell-check alone.
bank on	Verb	<i>to rely on something confidently</i> You can bank on her support.
depend on	Verb	<i>to be determined by; to need something</i> It depends on the context.
reliance on	Noun	<i>the state of depending on something</i> Over-reliance on translation is a problem.
reliant on	Adj	<i>dependent on something for support</i> Students are too reliant on dictionaries.
dependent on	Adj	<i>determined or influenced by something</i> The outcome is dependent on funding.
dependence on	Noun	<i>the state of relying on something</i> Our dependence on technology is growing.

● Doubt, uncertainty, scepticism (10 entries)

doubtful about	Adj	<i>feeling uncertain about a situation</i> I'm doubtful about the plan.
uncertain about	Adj	<i>not sure or confident about something</i> She's uncertain about the pronunciation.
sceptical about/of	Adj	<i>having doubts about a claim or idea</i> She's sceptical about the new method.
dubious about	Adj	<i>hesitating or doubting</i> I'm dubious about that claim.
suspicious of	Adj	<i>feeling something is dishonest or wrong</i> I'm suspicious of easy answers.

hesitant about	Adj	<i>slow to act because of uncertainty</i> She's hesitant about speaking in public.
wary of	Adj	<i>cautious because of possible danger</i> Be wary of false friends.
mistaken about	Adj	<i>holding an incorrect belief</i> You're mistaken about the rule.
wrong about	Adj	<i>having an incorrect opinion or belief</i> I was wrong about the answer.
doubt about	Noun	<i>a feeling of uncertainty about something</i> I have doubts about his honesty.

● Knowledge, awareness, familiarity (14 entries)

aware of	Adj	<i>having knowledge of something</i> Are you aware of the risks?
conscious of	Adj	<i>aware of and paying attention to something</i> She's conscious of her accent.
mindful of	Adj	<i>aware of and attentive to something important</i> Be mindful of your audience.
familiar with	Adj	<i>having a good knowledge</i> I'm familiar with that textbook.
familiar to	Adj	<i>recognised by or known to someone</i> The word is familiar to most speakers.
acquainted with	Adj	<i>having some knowledge of a person or topic</i> Are you acquainted with the procedure?
conversant with	Adj	<i>having knowledge of or experience with something</i> He's conversant with the latest research.
versed in	Adj	<i>having extensive knowledge of something</i> He's well versed in contract law.
knowledge of	Noun	<i>an understanding of facts about a subject</i> A good knowledge of grammar is essential.
understanding of	Noun	<i>the ability to comprehend something</i> You need a solid understanding of tenses.
know about	Verb	<i>to have information about a subject</i> What do you know about collocations?
unfamiliar with	Adj	<i>not having knowledge of something</i> I'm unfamiliar with that term.
alert to	Adj	<i>watchful and aware of something</i> Be alert to possible dangers.
attuned to	Adj	<i>sensitive and responsive to something</i> A good teacher is attuned to learners' needs.

● Skill, ability, competence (28 entries)

good at	Adj	<i>having ability or skill</i> He's good at explaining grammar.
bad at	Adj	<i>lacking ability or skill in something</i> I'm bad at remembering names.
brilliant at	Adj	<i>exceptionally skilled at something</i> She's brilliant at chess.
excellent at	Adj	<i>extremely good at something</i> He's excellent at giving feedback.
hopeless at	Adj	<i>very bad at something</i> He's hopeless at spelling.
terrible at	Adj	<i>very poor at doing something</i> I'm terrible at remembering names.
quick at	Adj	<i>able to learn or do something fast</i> She's quick at picking up new words.

slow at	Adj	<i>taking a long time to do something</i> He's a bit slow at reading.
worse at	Adj	<i>less skilled than in a comparison</i> I'm worse at writing than speaking.
worst at	Adj	<i>least skilled of all in a comparison</i> Spelling is what I'm worst at.
adept at	Adj	<i>very skilled or proficient at something</i> She's adept at simplifying complex rules.
apt at	Adj	<i>having a natural tendency or talent for something</i> She's apt at learning languages.
natural at	Adj	<i>having an inborn ability for something</i> She's a natural at pronunciation.
talented at	Adj	<i>having a natural aptitude for something</i> He's talented at creative writing.
skilful at/in	Adj	<i>showing skill or expertise in something</i> She's skilful in classroom management.
proficient at/in	Adj	<i>competent or skilled through practice</i> She's proficient in academic English.
competent at/in	Adj	<i>having sufficient skill</i> She's competent in spoken French.
experienced in	Adj	<i>having knowledge gained</i> He's experienced in assessment design.
expert at/in	Adj	<i>having great knowledge or skill in something</i> She's an expert in phonetics.
fluent in	Adj	<i>able to speak a language easily and accurately</i> She's fluent in three languages.
weak at/in	Adj	<i>lacking strength or ability in something</i> He's weak in listening skills.
unskilled in	Adj	<i>lacking training or expertise in something</i> He's unskilled in classroom management.
capable of	Adj	<i>having the ability to do something</i> He's capable of doing much better.
incapable of	Adj	<i>unable to do something</i> He seems incapable of listening.
excel at/in	Verb	<i>to be exceptionally good at something</i> She excels in written English.
talent for	Noun	<i>a natural aptitude or skill</i> She has a talent for languages.
capacity for	Noun	<i>the ability or potential to do something</i> She has a great capacity for learning.
genius for	Noun	<i>an exceptional natural ability for something</i> She has a genius for simplifying grammar.

● **Succeeding, failing, achieving** (6 entries)

succeed in	Verb	<i>to achieve what you tried to do</i> She succeeded in passing the exam.
fail at/in	Verb	<i>to not achieve what you</i> He failed in his attempt.
success in	Noun	<i>the achievement of a goal or ambition</i> His success in the exam was well-deserved.
failure in	Noun	<i>a lack of success in something</i> There was a failure in communication.
achievement in	Noun	<i>something accomplished successfully</i> Her achievement in science is remarkable.
successful in	Adj	<i>having achieved a desired aim</i> She was successful in her application.

● Trying, persisting, giving, up (11 entries)

attempt at	Noun	<i>an effort to do something</i> It was her first attempt at baking.
persist in/with	Verb	<i>to continue doing something despite difficulty</i> He persisted in making the same error.
persevere with	Verb	<i>to keep trying despite challenges</i> She persevered with the difficult text.
keep at	Verb	<i>to continue working hard at something</i> Keep at it — you're improving.
carry on with	Verb	<i>to continue doing something</i> Carry on with the next exercise.
give up on	Verb	<i>to stop trying to achieve something</i> Don't give up on yourself.
strive for	Verb	<i>to make great effort to achieve something</i> We strive for excellence.
aspire to	Verb	<i>to direct one's hopes towards achieving</i> She aspires to become a doctor.
aspiration for/to	Noun	<i>a hope or ambition to achieve something</i> She has aspirations to study abroad.
aim at	Verb	<i>to direct efforts towards a target</i> The campaign is aimed at teenagers.
aim for	Verb	<i>to try to achieve a particular goal</i> We should aim for excellence.

● Helping, benefiting, supporting (15 entries)

help with	Verb	<i>to assist someone with a task or problem</i> Can you help me with this exercise?
benefit from	Verb	<i>to gain advantage from something</i> Students benefit from regular practice.
profit from	Verb	<i>to gain benefit or advantage from something</i> Students profit from extensive reading.
gain from	Verb	<i>to obtain something useful from an experience</i> What do students gain from this activity?
care for	Verb	<i>to look after or provide for someone</i> She cares for her elderly mother.
attend to	Verb	<i>to deal with or take care of something</i> The nurse attended to the patient.
provide (sb) with	Verb	<i>to give someone something they need</i> The school provides students with materials.
provide for	Verb	<i>to make arrangements for future needs</i> The policy provides for special cases.
supply (sb) with	Verb	<i>to give someone what they need</i> The school supplied us with materials.
support for	Noun	<i>help or encouragement given to someone</i> There's strong support for the initiative.
helpful to	Adj	<i>giving help; useful to a person or group</i> Visual aids are helpful to learners.
beneficial to	Adj	<i>producing good results; advantageous</i> Exercise is beneficial to health.
conducive to	Adj	<i>making something likely</i> The classroom is conducive to learning.
good for	Adj	<i>having a positive effect on health or wellbeing</i> Reading is good for your vocabulary.
useful for	Adj	<i>able to be used for a practical purpose</i> This technique is useful for revision.

● Harming, damaging, hindering (16 entries)

harmful to	Adj	<i>causing or likely to cause damage</i> Excessive screen time is harmful to children.
detrimental to	Adj	<i>causing harm or damage health.</i> Smoking is detrimental to health.
bad for	Adj	<i>having a negative effect on something</i> Sugar is bad for your teeth.
damage to	Noun	<i>physical harm reducing value or usefulness</i> The storm caused damage to the roof.
hinder from	Verb	<i>to make it difficult for someone to do something</i> Lack of vocabulary hinders students from writing well.
hampered by	Adj	<i>prevented from moving or acting freely</i> Progress was hampered by lack of resources.
hindered by	Adj	<i>held back or made difficult by something</i> She was hindered by a lack of vocabulary.
impediment to	Noun	<i>something that delays or prevents progress</i> Fear is an impediment to fluency.
obstacle to	Noun	<i>something that blocks progress</i> Shyness is an obstacle to participation.
barrier to	Noun	<i>something that prevents</i> Language can be a barrier to communication.
inflict on	Verb	<i>to cause something unpleasant to be suffered</i> Don't inflict your bad mood on others.
cruel to	Adj	<i>causing pain or suffering to someone</i> Don't be cruel to animals.
hard on	Adj	<i>treating someone in a strict or unkind way</i> Don't be so hard on yourself.
tough on	Adj	<i>strict or severe towards</i> The new law is tough on crime.
mean to	Adj	<i>unkind or unpleasant towards someone</i> Don't be mean to your classmates.
rude to	Adj	<i>showing a lack of respect towards someone</i> Don't be rude to the examiner.

● Preventing, prohibiting, restricting (20 entries)

prevent from	Verb	<i>to stop someone from doing something</i> The noise prevented me from concentrating.
prohibit from	Verb	<i>to officially forbid someone from doing something</i> Students are prohibited from using phones.
forbid from	Verb	<i>to order someone not to do something</i> Students are forbidden from using phones.
ban on	Noun	<i>an official rule that prevents something</i> There's a ban on mobile phones in class.
restrict to	Verb	<i>to limit or keep within</i> Access is restricted to staff only.
restriction on	Noun	<i>a rule that limits what</i> There are restrictions on word count.
limit on	Noun	<i>the maximum amount that</i> There's a limit on class numbers.
limit to	Noun	<i>a point beyond which something cannot go</i> There's no limit to what you can achieve.
constraint on	Noun	<i>something that restricts or limits</i> Budget is a major constraint on research.
curb on	Noun	<i>a control or limit on something</i> There are curbs on excessive testing.

refrain from	Verb	<i>to stop yourself from doing something</i> Please refrain from using your phone.
abstain from	Verb	<i>to choose not to do or consume something</i> She abstained from voting.
deter (sb) from	Verb	<i>to discourage someone from doing something</i> The rain deterred us from going out.
discourage from	Verb	<i>to try to prevent by showing disapproval</i> We discourage students from using translators.
dissuade from	Verb	<i>to persuade someone not</i> I tried to dissuade him from resigning.
caution against	Verb	<i>to warn someone not to do something</i> Experts caution against overreacting.
advise against	Verb	<i>to recommend not doing something</i> The doctor advised against surgery.
warn about/against	Verb	<i>to tell someone about a possible danger</i> I warned them about common mistakes.
crackdown on	Noun	<i>strong action to stop bad or illegal behaviour</i> There's a crackdown on tax evasion.
prevention of	Noun	<i>the act of stopping something from happening</i> Prevention of errors is better than correction.

● Choosing, deciding, opting (6 entries)

decide on	Verb	<i>to make a choice about something</i> Have you decided on a topic?
decide against	Verb	<i>to choose not to do something</i> We decided against the proposal.
decide between	Verb	<i>to choose one of two or more options</i> I can't decide between the two.
opt for	Verb	<i>to choose or select something</i> Most students opted for the written exam.
choice between	Noun	<i>a decision involving two or more options</i> It's a choice between quality and speed.
choice of	Noun	<i>a range of things to choose from</i> There's a wide choice of courses.

● Focusing, concentrating, paying attention (12 entries)

concentrate on	Verb	<i>to focus all attention on a single thing</i> Concentrate on your pronunciation.
focus on	Verb	<i>to direct attention to something specific</i> Let's focus on listening skills today.
fixated on	Adj	<i>obsessively focused on one thing</i> He's fixated on grades.
preoccupied with	Adj	<i>having one's mind full of something</i> He's preoccupied with the exam.
obsessed with	Adj	<i>unable to stop thinking about something</i> She's obsessed with accuracy.
attention to	Noun	<i>notice or focus directed at something</i> Pay attention to the details.
emphasis on	Noun	<i>special importance given to a particular thing</i> There's an emphasis on fluency.
distract from	Verb	<i>to take attention away from something</i> Noise distracts me from studying.
divert from	Verb	<i>to redirect attention or focus away</i> Don't let questions divert you from the topic.
dwell on	Verb	<i>to think or talk about something for too long</i> Don't dwell on past mistakes.

brood over/about	Verb	<i>to think deeply and sadly about something</i> Stop brooding over what happened.
reflect on	Verb	<i>to think carefully about a past experience</i> Take time to reflect on your learning.

● **Causing, resulting, leading, to** (20 entries)

result in	Verb	<i>to cause a particular outcome</i> The change resulted in higher scores.
result from	Verb	<i>to be caused by a particular event or action</i> Errors result from a lack of practice.
lead to	Verb	<i>to cause or bring about a particular result</i> Poor planning leads to confusion.
contribute to	Verb	<i>to help cause or bring about something</i> Pollution contributes to climate change.
stem from	Verb	<i>to originate from; to be caused by</i> The error stems from L1 interference.
arise from	Verb	<i>to occur as a result of something</i> Problems arose from poor planning.
derive from	Verb	<i>to have something as an origin or source</i> The word derives from Latin.
originate from/in	Verb	<i>to have its source or beginning in a place</i> The word originates from Greek.
culminate in	Verb	<i>to reach the highest point or final result</i> The course culminates in a final presentation.
amount to	Verb	<i>to be equal to a total when added together</i> The total amounts to five thousand euros.
end in	Verb	<i>to have as a final result</i> The meeting ended in disagreement.
cause of	Noun	<i>the thing that produces</i> What was the cause of the fire?
consequence of	Noun	<i>a result or effect of an action or event</i> Flooding was a consequence of the storm.
result of	Noun	<i>something caused by a particular action</i> This is the result of hard work.
outcome of	Noun	<i>the final result of a process or event</i> The outcome of the debate was positive.
effect of	Noun	<i>a change produced by an action or cause</i> The effect of the policy is unclear.
effect on	Noun	<i>the influence or impact</i> Technology has a big effect on learning.
impact on	Noun	<i>a strong effect or influence on something</i> Technology has a huge impact on education.
influence on/over	Noun	<i>the power to affect or change something</i> Teachers have a big influence on students.
attribute (sth) to	Verb	<i>to say something is caused by a factor</i> She attributes her success to hard work.

● **Increasing, decreasing, changing** (13 entries)

increase in	Noun	<i>a rise in the amount or level of something</i> There's been an increase in applications.
decline in	Noun	<i>a gradual decrease in something</i> There's been a decline in standards.
rise in	Noun	<i>an upward movement in amount or level</i> There's been a rise in enrolments.
fall in	Noun	<i>a decrease in amount or level</i> There was a fall in enrolment numbers.

drop in	Noun	<i>a sudden decrease in something</i> There was a drop in attendance.
reduction in	Noun	<i>a decrease in size, amount, or degree</i> There was a reduction in class sizes.
growth in	Noun	<i>an increase in size, amount, or degree</i> There's been growth in online learning.
change in	Noun	<i>an alteration in the state of something</i> There's been a change in policy.
change to	Noun	<i>a modification made to an existing system</i> They announced a change to the timetable.
improvement in/on	Noun	<i>the process of something getting better</i> There's been an improvement in accuracy.
trend in/towards	Noun	<i>a general direction of change or development</i> There's a trend towards communicative teaching.
variation in	Noun	<i>a difference in amount or level</i> There's wide variation in pronunciation.
transition from/to	Noun	<i>the process of changing from one state to another</i> The transition from B1 to B2 is challenging.

● Consisting, composing, dividing (9 entries)

consist of	Verb	<i>to be made up of parts.</i> The exam consists of three parts.
composed of	Adj	<i>made up of; consisting of several parts</i> The team is composed of five members.
combination of	Noun	<i>a mixture of different things or elements</i> It's a combination of factors.
mixture of	Noun	<i>a blend of different elements or ingredients</i> The course is a mixture of theory and practice.
divide into	Verb	<i>to separate into parts or groups</i> The course is divided into six modules.
divide	Verb	<i>to share or distribute among a group</i> Divide the tasks among the group.
split into	Verb	<i>to separate into smaller groups or parts</i> Split into groups of four.
part of	Noun	<i>a piece or section of a larger whole</i> Grammar is part of the syllabus.
proportion of	Noun	<i>a part considered in relation to the whole</i> A high proportion of students passed.

● Comparing, contrasting, differentiating (27 entries)

compare to/with	Verb	<i>to examine similarities and differences</i> Compare your answers with a partner.
contrast with	Verb	<i>to show differences when compared</i> Her calm contrasts with his anxiety.
differ from	Verb	<i>to be unlike or distinct from something</i> British English differs from American English.
differ on	Verb	<i>to have different opinions about something distinguish between</i> We differ on this point.
distinguish between	Verb	<i>to recognise the difference between</i> Can you distinguish between the sounds?
distinguish from	Verb	<i>to recognise as different from</i> It's hard to distinguish fact from fiction.
different from	Adj	<i>not the same as something else</i> This version is different from the original.
distinct from	Adj	<i>clearly separate or different from another</i> Spoken English is distinct from written English.

similar to	Adj	<i>resembling something without being identical</i> This exercise is similar to the last one.
identical to	Adj	<i>exactly the same as something else</i> The copy is identical to the original.
comparable to/with	Adj	<i>similar in size, amount, or quality</i> Her score is comparable to a native speaker's.
equivalent to	Adj	<i>equal in value, function, or meaning</i> IELTS 7 is equivalent to C1 level.
analogous to	Adj	<i>similar in certain respects; comparable</i> This process is analogous to photosynthesis.
akin to	Adj	<i>similar or related to something</i> The method is akin to total immersion.
comparison between	Noun	<i>an examination of similarities and differences</i> A comparison between the two systems is useful.
comparison with	Noun	<i>an assessment relative to something else</i> In comparison with last year, sales rose.
contrast between	Noun	<i>a striking difference between things</i> The contrast between the two is striking.
difference between	Noun	<i>the way in which things are not alike</i> What's the difference between 'affect' and 'effect'?
distinction between	Noun	<i>a recognised difference between things</i> There's a distinction between the two terms.
indistinguishable	Adj	<i>impossible to tell apart from</i> Her accent is indistinguishable from a native's.
consistent with	Adj	<i>in agreement or harmony</i> The results are consistent with our theory.
compatible with	Adj	<i>able to exist or work together with something</i> The software is compatible with Mac.
incompatible with	Adj	<i>unable to exist or work</i> Rote learning is incompatible with creativity.
correspond to/with	Verb	<i>to match or be equivalent to something</i> The translation corresponds to the original.
correlate with	Verb	<i>to have a mutual relationship with something</i> Reading frequency correlates with vocabulary size.
coincide with	Verb	<i>to happen at the same time as</i> The event coincides with the holiday.
counter to	Adj	<i>in opposition to; contrary to</i> His actions run counter to policy.

● Connecting, relating, associating (13 entries)

connect to/with	Verb	<i>to join or link to something else</i> This road connects to the motorway.
associate with	Verb	<i>to connect in one's mind; to spend time with</i> I don't associate with those people.
related to	Adj	<i>connected to; having a relationship with</i> This point is related to what we discussed.
link to/with	Verb	<i>to connect or relate to something else</i> This topic links to what we studied last week.
connection between	Noun	<i>a relationship or link between things</i> There's a connection between diet and health.
connection with	Noun	<i>a relationship or link with something</i> Does this have any connection with the case?
link between	Noun	<i>a relationship connecting two things</i> There's a link between reading and writing.
relationship	Noun	<i>the way two things are connected</i> The relationship between form and meaning is key.

association with	Noun	<i>a connection or link with an organisation</i> The brand's association with luxury is strong.
bond between	Noun	<i>a strong connection between people or things</i> There's a strong bond between them.
affiliation with	Noun	<i>a formal connection with an organisation</i> The school has an affiliation with the university.
relevant to	Adj	<i>connected to and important for a topic</i> This grammar point is relevant to the exam.
unrelated to	Adj	<i>having no connection with something</i> This is unrelated to the topic.

● **Depending, being conditional, contingent** (8 entries)

conditional on	Adj	<i>depending on a particular condition being met</i> The offer is conditional on approval.
contingent on	Adj	<i>dependent on a particular condition</i> Payment is contingent on delivery.
subject to	Adj	<i>likely to be affected by; dependent on rules</i> The results are subject to moderation.
hinge on	Verb	<i>to depend entirely on one factor</i> The decision hinges on the budget.
based on	Verb	<i>using something as a foundation</i> The film is based on a novel.
basis for	Noun	<i>the underlying reason or foundation for something</i> There's no basis for your complaint.
irrespective of	Adj	<i>regardless of; not affected by a factor</i> This applies irrespective of nationality.
regardless of	Adj	<i>without being affected by circumstances</i> All students, regardless of level, benefit.

● **Belonging, owning, possessing, deserving** (11 entries)

belong to	Verb	<i>to be the property of a person or group</i> This book belongs to the library.
entitled to	Adj	<i>having the right to receive something</i> You're entitled to a refund.
eligible for	Adj	<i>meeting the conditions to receive or do something</i> She's eligible for the scholarship.
ineligible for	Adj	<i>not meeting the conditions required</i> He's ineligible for the scholarship.
worthy of	Adj	<i>deserving of something</i> The essay is worthy of a distinction.
right to	Noun	<i>a moral or legal entitlement</i> Everyone has a right to education.
access to	Noun	<i>the ability or right to use or reach something</i> Students have access to the library.
accessible to	Adj	<i>able to be reached or used by people</i> The building is accessible to wheelchair users.
inaccessible to	Adj	<i>unable to be reached or used by people</i> The text is inaccessible to lower-level learners.
available for	Adj	<i>free or ready for use or a purpose</i> She's available for a meeting at three.
available to	Adj	<i>able to be used or obtained by someone</i> The service is available to all members.

● Working on, dealing with, coping (15 entries)

work on	Verb	<i>to spend time and effort on a particular task</i> Let's work on passive constructions.
work at	Verb	<i>to practise or try to improve a skill</i> You need to work at your pronunciation.
deal with	Verb	<i>to handle or take action on a problem</i> She deals with customer complaints.
deal in	Verb	<i>to buy and sell a particular product</i> The company deals in electronics.
cope with	Verb	<i>to manage or handle a difficult situation</i> She copes well with pressure.
grapple with	Verb	<i>to struggle with a difficult problem</i> Students grapple with irregular verbs.
struggle with	Verb	<i>to find something very difficult</i> He struggles with article usage.
difficulty in/with	Noun	<i>the state of finding something hard</i> She has difficulty with spelling.
problem with	Noun	<i>a matter that is hard to deal with</i> I have a problem with this exercise.
trouble with	Noun	<i>a difficulty or problem</i> I'm having trouble with prepositions.
issue with	Noun	<i>a point of concern or disagreement</i> I have an issue with the marking.
busy with	Adj	<i>occupied with a task or activity</i> I'm busy with a project at the moment.
involved in	Adj	<i>taking part in an activity or situation</i> All students were involved in the project.
engaged in	Adj	<i>actively participating in an activity</i> She's engaged in research.
wrapped up in	Adj	<i>completely absorbed in something</i> She's wrapped up in her work.

● Communicating, speaking, discussing (21 entries)

communicate with	Verb	<i>to share information with someone</i> We communicate with clients by email.
speak about	Verb	<i>to talk on a particular topic</i> She spoke about assessment techniques.
speak to	Verb	<i>to talk directly to a person</i> I need to speak to you about your grades.
talk about	Verb	<i>to discuss a particular</i> Let's talk about your progress.
talk to	Verb	<i>to have a conversation with someone</i> I need to talk to you about the essay.
discuss with	Verb	<i>to talk about something with another person</i> I discussed it with my tutor.
confer with	Verb	<i>to consult or exchange views with someone</i> I need to confer with my colleagues.
consult with	Verb	<i>to seek advice or information from someone</i> I need to consult with my colleagues.
comment on	Verb	<i>to give an opinion about something</i> He refused to comment on the allegations.
elaborate on	Verb	<i>to explain something in more detail</i> Could you elaborate on that point?
touch on	Verb	<i>to mention briefly in conversation</i> The lecture touched on pragmatics.

hint at	Verb	<i>to suggest something indirectly</i> She hinted at a possible change.
remark about/on	Noun	<i>a comment or observation about a topic</i> He made a remark about pronunciation.
conversation about	Noun	<i>a talk about a particular subject</i> We had a conversation about the syllabus.
conversation with	Noun	<i>a talk between two or more people</i> I had a conversation with the head teacher.
discussion about	Noun	<i>a detailed talk about a particular topic</i> We had a discussion about tenses.
boast about/of	Verb	<i>to talk with excessive pride about something</i> He boasted about his promotion.
complain about	Verb	<i>to express dissatisfaction about something</i> He complained about the food.
complain of	Verb	<i>to report suffering from a symptom</i> She complained of a headache.
complain to	Verb	<i>to express dissatisfaction to a person</i> I complained to the manager.
complaint about	Noun	<i>a formal expression of dissatisfaction</i> We received a complaint about noise.

● Asking, requesting, enquiring (17 entries)

ask about	Verb	<i>to request information on a particular topic</i> She asked about the homework.
ask for	Verb	<i>to request something from someone</i> He asked for directions.
enquire about	Verb	<i>to ask for information about something</i> She enquired about the course fees.
inquire about/into	Verb	<i>to seek information about a matter</i> She inquired about the vacancy.
apply for	Verb	<i>to make a formal request for a position or thing</i> She applied for a scholarship.
appeal for	Noun	<i>a serious or urgent request for help</i> There's been an appeal for donations.
appeal to	Verb	<i>to be attractive or interesting to someone</i> The idea appeals to young people.
request for	Noun	<i>a formal act of asking for something</i> There was a request for more practice time.
application for	Noun	<i>a formal request for a position or service</i> He submitted an application for the job.
question about	Noun	<i>a query seeking information</i> Do you have any questions about the task?
call for	Verb	<i>to require or demand something</i> The situation calls for immediate action.
call on	Verb	<i>to ask someone to do something publicly</i> The teacher called on me to answer.
plea for	Noun	<i>an urgent or emotional request</i> It was a plea for understanding.
plead with	Verb	<i>to make an emotional request to someone</i> He pleaded with the teacher for more time.
demand for	Noun	<i>a strong request or need for something</i> There's a high demand for English teachers.
insist on	Verb	<i>to demand something firmly</i> She insisted on accuracy.
insistence on	Noun	<i>the act of demanding something firmly</i> His insistence on perfection slows progress.

● Informing, reporting, explaining (18 entries)

inform (sb)	Verb	<i>to tell someone about an important matter</i> Please inform us of any changes.
report on	Verb	<i>to give an account of events or findings</i> She reported on the conference.
remind (sb)	Verb	<i>to cause someone to remember a duty or fact</i> She reminded us of the deadline.
assure (sb) of	Verb	<i>to tell someone something is definitely true</i> He assured us of his support.
convince (sb) of	Verb	<i>to persuade someone that something is true</i> She convinced us of the need for change.
persuade (sb) of	Verb	<i>to cause someone to believe something is true</i> She persuaded them of its value.
confess to	Verb	<i>to admit to doing something wrong</i> She confessed to eating the last biscuit.
admit to	Verb	<i>to acknowledge something is true or real</i> He admitted to making a mistake.
information	Noun	<i>facts or details about a subject</i> I need information about the exam format.
explanation for/of	Noun	<i>a reason or account that makes something clear</i> Is there an explanation for this rule?
evidence for/of	Noun	<i>facts indicating something is true</i> There's clear evidence of improvement.
reference to	Noun	<i>a mention of or allusion to something</i> The text contains a reference to Shakespeare.
allusion to	Noun	<i>an indirect mention or reference to a topic</i> The poem contains an allusion to Shakespeare.
detail about	Noun	<i>specific pieces of information about something</i> Give me more details about the course.
description of	Noun	<i>an account of characteristics or features</i> Give me a description of the suspect.
definition of	Noun	<i>an explanation of the meaning of a word</i> What's the definition of 'collocation'?
example of	Noun	<i>a thing that illustrates a general rule</i> Give me an example of a phrasal verb.
account for	Verb	<i>to explain the reason for something</i> How do you account for the missing funds?

● Thinking, considering, reflecting (16 entries)

think about	Verb	<i>to consider or reflect on a matter</i> Think about what you've learned today.
think of	Verb	<i>to have an idea or bring something to mind</i> Can you think of a better word?
wonder about	Verb	<i>to be curious or uncertain about something</i> I sometimes wonder about the point of tests.
dream about/of	Verb	<i>to imagine or wish for something</i> She dreams of living abroad.
care about	Verb	<i>to feel that something is important</i> He cares about the environment.
bother about	Verb	<i>to worry or concern oneself with a matter</i> Don't bother about the spelling for now.
fuss about/over	Verb	<i>to worry too much about unimportant details</i> Don't fuss over the details.
reflection of	Noun	<i>a sign or indication of something</i> Exam results are a reflection of effort.

opinion about/of/on	Noun	<i>a personal view or judgement</i> What's your opinion on homework?
view of/on	Noun	<i>a personal opinion or way of thinking</i> What are your views on grammar teaching?
outlook on	Noun	<i>a person's general attitude towards life</i> She has a positive outlook on teaching.
attitude to/towards	Noun	<i>a way of thinking or feeling about a topic</i> Her attitude towards work is admirable.
stance on	Noun	<i>a publicly stated opinion on an issue</i> What's your stance on homework?
perspective on	Noun	<i>a particular way of viewing a situation</i> She offered a fresh perspective on the issue.
feel about	Verb	<i>to have an emotional reaction to something</i> How do you feel about homework?
dilemma about/over	Noun	<i>a situation requiring a difficult choice</i> He's facing a dilemma over the offer.

● Responsibility, accountability (11 entries)

responsible for	Adj	<i>having the duty of managing or causing</i> She's responsible for curriculum design.
accountable for	Adj	<i>required to explain or justify actions</i> Managers are accountable for their decisions.
accountable to	Adj	<i>answerable to a person or authority</i> The committee is accountable to parliament.
responsibility for	Noun	<i>the state of being in charge of a task</i> Take responsibility for your own learning.
authority on	Noun	<i>an expert on a particular subject</i> He's an authority on medieval history.
authority over	Noun	<i>the power to give orders to people</i> She has authority over the department.
control of/over	Noun	<i>the power to direct or manage</i> She has control over the budget.
liable for	Adj	<i>legally responsible for costs or damages</i> The company is liable for damages.
guilty of	Adj	<i>responsible for a crime or wrongdoing</i> He's guilty of plagiarism.
innocent of	Adj	<i>not guilty of a crime or wrongdoing</i> She was found innocent of all charges.
entrusted with	Adj	<i>given the responsibility of looking after something</i> She was entrusted with the marking.

● Devotion, loyalty, commitment, dedication (8 entries)

devoted to	Adj	<i>very loving or loyal to a person or cause</i> He's devoted to his family.
dedicate (sth) to	Verb	<i>to give time or effort to a particular purpose</i> She dedicated her life to teaching.
commitment to	Noun	<i>a strong dedication to a cause or goal</i> Her commitment to teaching is inspiring.
loyal to	Adj	<i>giving firm support to someone or something</i> She's loyal to her principles.
faithful to	Adj	<i>remaining true or loyal to someone</i> The translation is faithful to the original.
allegiance to	Noun	<i>loyalty or commitment to a person or cause</i> Her allegiance to communicative methods is clear.
attachment to	Noun	<i>an emotional bond with a person or thing</i> He has a strong attachment to his hometown.

devotion to	Noun	<i>deep love and loyalty to someone or something</i> Her devotion to the cause is clear.
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● Competing, fighting, battling (13 entries)

compete against	Verb	<i>to try to win or do better than</i> We compete against schools across the region.
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compete for	Verb	<i>to try to win or obtain</i> They competed for the top prize.
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compete with	Verb	<i>to try to be more successful than</i> Small shops can't compete with supermarkets.
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fight against	Verb	<i>to struggle or campaign</i> They fought against injustice.
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fight for	Verb	<i>to struggle or campaign</i> She fought for better conditions.
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fight over	Verb	<i>to argue or struggle about a possession</i> The children fought over the toy.
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battle against	Noun	<i>a sustained fight against something</i> The battle against poverty continues.
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battle for	Noun	<i>a sustained fight to achieve a particular goal</i> There was a battle for control of the company.
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rivalry between	Noun	<i>competition between two</i> There's a friendly rivalry between the classes.
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advantage over	Noun	<i>a condition giving a better position than</i> This gives us an advantage over competitors.
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priority over	Noun	<i>the state of being regarded as more important</i> Fluency has priority over accuracy at this stage.
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superior to	Adj	<i>better or higher in quality than something</i> This method is superior to the old one.
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inferior to	Adj	<i>lower in quality or status than</i> This edition is inferior to the previous one.
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● Cooperating, collaborating, participating (8 entries)

cooperate with	Verb	<i>to work together with someone on a project</i> The two departments cooperated with each other.
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collaborate with	Verb	<i>to work jointly with someone on a task</i> We collaborated with a local school.
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participate in	Verb	<i>to take part in an activity or event</i> Everyone participated in the activity.
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take part in	Verb	<i>to be involved in an activity or event</i> All students took part in the project.
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engage in	Verb	<i>to participate or become involved in an activity</i> Students engaged in a lively debate.
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join in	Verb	<i>to participate in an activity already happening</i> Everyone should join in the discussion.
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involve in	Verb	<i>to include someone in a decision or activity</i> Try to involve everyone in the activity.
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alliance with	Noun	<i>a formal agreement to work together with someone</i> They formed an alliance with the opposition.
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● Beginning, ending, continuing (11 entries)

begin with	Verb	<i>to start by doing something first</i> Let's begin with a warm-up exercise.
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start with	Verb	<i>to do something first</i> Let's start with a warm-up.
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end with	Verb	<i>to finish by doing something last</i> Let's end with a quick review.
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finish with	Verb	<i>to complete something as a final step</i> Let's finish with some revision.
embark on	Verb	<i>to begin a new project or course of action</i> They embarked on a new project.
proceed with	Verb	<i>to continue with a course of action</i> Let's proceed with the lesson.
go through with	Verb	<i>to do something despite</i> She went through with the plan.
plunge into	Verb	<i>to start doing something quickly</i> She plunged into the task.
venture into	Verb	<i>to dare to do or enter something new</i> She ventured into online teaching.
return to	Verb	<i>to go back to a previous topic or place</i> Let's return to the main point.
move to	Verb	<i>to change to a different topic or position</i> Let's move to the next topic.

● **Looking, searching, finding, discovering** (11 entries)

look at	Verb	<i>to direct one's gaze at</i> Let's look at some examples.
look for	Verb	<i>to try to find something by searching</i> I'm looking for a good coursebook.
look into	Verb	<i>to investigate or examine something</i> We'll look into the matter.
search for	Verb	<i>to try to find something by looking carefully</i> I'm searching for the right word.
stare at	Verb	<i>to look at something fixedly for a long time</i> He stared at the board in confusion.
gaze at	Verb	<i>to look steadily at something with attention</i> She gazed at the painting.
glance at	Verb	<i>to take a brief look at something</i> She glanced at her notes.
come across	Verb	<i>to find something unexpectedly</i> I came across an interesting article.
stumble on	Verb	<i>to discover something by chance</i> I stumbled on an interesting article.
bump into	Verb	<i>to meet someone unexpectedly</i> I bumped into an old friend.
run into	Verb	<i>to meet someone by chance unexpectedly</i> I ran into a former student.

● **Learning, studying, teaching, training** (17 entries)

learn about	Verb	<i>to gain knowledge of a particular subject</i> We learned about reported speech.
learn from	Verb	<i>to gain knowledge from an experience or source</i> You can learn from your mistakes.
major in	Verb	<i>to study something as one's main subject</i> She majored in applied linguistics.
specialise in	Verb	<i>to focus on a particular area of expertise</i> The school specialises in exam preparation.
brush up on	Verb	<i>to improve knowledge that has been forgotten</i> I need to brush up on my grammar.
read about	Verb	<i>to gain information by reading about a topic</i> I read about it in a journal.
expose to	Verb	<i>to introduce someone to a new experience</i> Students should be exposed to authentic texts.

exposure to	Noun	<i>the state of being introduced to something new</i> Exposure to the language is essential.
experience in	Noun	<i>practical knowledge gained over time</i> She has experience in teaching.
introduction to	Noun	<i>a first explanation or encounter with a subject</i> This is a good introduction to the topic.
qualification	Noun	<i>an official certificate or credential</i> She has a qualification in TESOL.
investment in	Noun	<i>the commitment of time or money to something</i> An investment in training pays off.
preparation for	Noun	<i>the process of getting ready for an event</i> This is good preparation for IELTS.
prepare for	Verb	<i>to make ready for a future event</i> How should I prepare for the exam?
register for	Verb	<i>to officially sign up for a course or event</i> Have you registered for the course?
catch up with	Verb	<i>to reach the same level</i> I need to catch up with the syllabus.
keep up with	Verb	<i>to move or progress at the same rate as</i> I can't keep up with the pace.

● Being known, for, characterising (17 entries)

famous for	Adj	<i>widely known for a particular quality</i> The school is famous for its results.
known for	Adj	<i>recognised because of a particular quality</i> The school is known for high standards.
notorious for	Adj	<i>well known for something negative</i> English is notorious for its spelling.
renowned for	Adj	<i>widely respected and admired for a quality</i> The programme is renowned for quality.
famed for	Adj	<i>well known and celebrated for something</i> The department is famed for its research.
reputation for	Noun	<i>what is generally believed about someone</i> The school has a reputation for excellence.
popular with	Adj	<i>liked or enjoyed by a group of people</i> The course is popular with adults.
characteristic of	Adj	<i>typical of a particular person or thing</i> That kind of humour is characteristic of her.
typical of	Adj	<i>having the usual qualities of a type or group</i> This error is typical of B1 learners.
peculiar to	Adj	<i>belonging exclusively to a place or thing</i> This usage is peculiar to British English.
unique to	Adj	<i>found only in a particular place or thing</i> This idiom is unique to British English.
native to	Adj	<i>occurring naturally in a particular place</i> This species is native to Spain.
true of	Adj	<i>accurate when applied to a particular case</i> This is especially true of advanced learners.
indicative of	Adj	<i>serving as a sign or indication of something</i> The error is indicative of fossilisation.
illustrative of	Adj	<i>serving as an example of a broader pattern</i> This example is illustrative of the rule.
expressive of	Adj	<i>effectively conveying a thought or feeling</i> The gesture is expressive of frustration.
endemic to	Adj	<i>regularly found in a particular area or group</i> This error is endemic to Arabic speakers.

● **Quantity: full, empty, rich, lacking** (17 entries)

full of	Adj	<i>containing a large number or amount</i> The essay is full of mistakes.
devoid of	Adj	<i>entirely lacking in a particular quality</i> The essay is devoid of any evidence.
free from/of	Adj	<i>not containing or affected by something</i> The text is free of errors.
lacking in	Adj	<i>not having enough of a necessary quality</i> The essay is lacking in cohesion.
deficient in	Adj	<i>not having enough of a necessary quality</i> The diet is deficient in calcium.
rich in	Adj	<i>having a lot of a particular resource</i> English is rich in vocabulary.
abound in/with	Verb	<i>to have in great numbers or quantity</i> The forest abounds in wildlife.
short of	Adj	<i>not having enough of something needed</i> We're short of time.
low on	Adj	<i>having very little of something remaining</i> We're low on supplies.
covered in/with	Adj	<i>having a layer of something on top</i> The car was covered in mud.
fraught with	Adj	<i>filled with something undesirable</i> The process is fraught with difficulties.
beset by/with	Adj	<i>troubled by persistent problems</i> The project was beset by delays.
lack of	Noun	<i>the state of not having enough of something</i> There's a lack of qualified teachers.
shortage of	Noun	<i>a situation where there</i> There's a shortage of skilled workers.
supply of	Noun	<i>an amount of something available for use</i> There's a limited supply of textbooks.
deficiency in	Noun	<i>the state of lacking something essential</i> A deficiency in vitamin D is common.
defect in	Noun	<i>a fault or imperfection</i> There's a defect in the product.

● **Giving, donating, investing, spending** (8 entries)

donate to	Verb	<i>to give money or goods to a charity or cause</i> She donated money to the charity.
invest in	Verb	<i>to put money or effort into something</i> Invest in a good dictionary.
spend on	Verb	<i>to use money or time for a particular purpose</i> How much time should I spend on grammar?
pour into	Verb	<i>to put a lot of energy or resources into</i> She pours energy into her lessons.
allot to	Verb	<i>to assign or distribute</i> Ten minutes were allotted to the task.
bestow on	Verb	<i>to present an honour or gift to someone</i> The award was bestowed on the winner.
sacrifice for	Noun	<i>something given up for the sake of a goal</i> Parents make sacrifices for their children's education.
fund for	Noun	<i>money set aside for a particular purpose</i> They set up a fund for research.

● Removing, separating, escaping, leaving (22 entries)

separate from	Verb	<i>to divide or detach from another thing</i> Separate the irregular verbs from the regular ones.
isolate from	Verb	<i>to set apart from others or the group</i> Don't isolate grammar from context.
detach from	Verb	<i>to disconnect or remove</i> Detach the form from the booklet.
exclude from	Verb	<i>to prevent from being included</i> He was excluded from the group.
exempt from	Adj	<i>free from an obligation or requirement</i> She's exempt from the exam.
dismiss from	Verb	<i>to remove from a position or role</i> He was dismissed from his post.
escape from	Verb	<i>to get free from confinement or danger</i> They escaped from the building.
flee from	Verb	<i>to run away from danger or trouble</i> They fled from the country.
hide from	Verb	<i>to keep out of sight to avoid someone</i> You can't hide from the truth.
withdraw from	Verb	<i>to leave or pull out of a situation</i> She withdrew from the course.
resign from	Verb	<i>to voluntarily leave a job or position</i> She resigned from the committee.
retire from	Verb	<i>to leave a career or profession permanently</i> He retired from teaching last year.
back out of	Verb	<i>to withdraw from a commitment or agreement</i> He backed out of the deal.
departure from	Noun	<i>an act of leaving; a deviation from norms</i> It was a departure from tradition.
rid of	Adj	<i>free from something unwanted or unpleasant</i> Get rid of unnecessary repetition.
get rid of	Verb	<i>to remove or dispose of something unwanted</i> Get rid of any unnecessary words.
dispose of	Verb	<i>to get rid of or throw away</i> Please dispose of waste properly.
do without	Verb	<i>to manage without having something</i> I can't do without my morning coffee.
estranged from	Adj	<i>no longer close to someone; alienated</i> He's estranged from his family.
independent of	Adj	<i>not influenced or controlled by others</i> The study is independent of outside funding.
freedom from	Noun	<i>the state of not being subject to something</i> Freedom from censorship is vital.
safe from	Adj	<i>protected from danger or harm</i> The data is safe from unauthorised access.

● Protecting, defending, guarding (10 entries)

protect	Verb	<i>to keep safe from harm or danger</i> Copyright protects authors from theft.
defend against	Verb	<i>to protect from attack or criticism</i> They defended the town against attack.
save from	Verb	<i>to rescue or prevent harm to someone</i> The spell-checker saved me from embarrassment.
guard against	Verb	<i>to take precautions to prevent a problem</i> Guard against careless mistakes.

hedge against	Verb	<i>to protect oneself against loss or risk</i> Good preparation hedges against failure.
insurance against	Noun	<i>protection against a possible risk</i> Good preparation is insurance against failure.
precaution against	Noun	<i>a measure taken to prevent harm</i> Take precautions against plagiarism.
protection	Noun	<i>the act of keeping safe from harm</i> There's no protection against harsh feedback.
defence against	Noun	<i>a means of protecting against attack</i> Education is the best defence against ignorance.
guarantee against	Noun	<i>an assurance that something won't happen</i> There's no guarantee against failure.

● Arriving, moving, heading (9 entries)

arrive at	Verb	<i>to reach a specific place (building, address)</i> We arrived at the airport on time.
arrive in	Verb	<i>to reach a large place (city, country)</i> She arrived in London at noon.
head for	Verb	<i>to move towards a destination</i> We're heading for disaster.
bound for	Adj	<i>travelling towards a destination</i> The train is bound for Edinburgh.
destined for	Adj	<i>intended or meant for a particular purpose</i> She seems destined for greatness.
admission to	Noun	<i>the right to enter a place or institution</i> Admission to the gallery is free.
admittance to	Noun	<i>the process of being allowed to enter</i> Admittance to the course requires a B2 level.
entry into	Noun	<i>the act of going into a place or group</i> Entry into the EU requires compliance.
accession to	Noun	<i>the act of formally joining an organisation</i> The country's accession to the EU took years.

● Adapting, adjusting, accustoming (10 entries)

adapt to	Verb	<i>to change to suit new conditions</i> You need to adapt to the new system.
adjust to	Verb	<i>to become accustomed to new conditions</i> It took time to adjust to the climate.
accustomed to	Adj	<i>familiar with something through regular exposure</i> I'm accustomed to early mornings.
used to	Adj	<i>accustomed to; familiar</i> I'm used to working long hours.
integrate into	Verb	<i>to combine or become part of a whole group</i> Grammar should be integrated into skills lessons.
assimilate into	Verb	<i>to absorb into a larger</i> New students quickly assimilated into the group.
convert to/into	Verb	<i>to change from one form to another</i> They converted the barn into a house.
evolve from/into	Verb	<i>to develop gradually over time</i> The project evolved into something bigger.
grow into	Verb	<i>to develop and become something over time</i> She grew into a confident speaker.
translate from/into	Verb	<i>to express words in a different language</i> Translate the text into English.

● Suitability, appropriateness, adequacy (20 entries)

suitable for	Adj	<i>right or appropriate for a particular purpose</i> This book is suitable for B2 learners.
unsuitable for	Adj	<i>not right or appropriate for a situation</i> The text is unsuitable for beginners.
appropriate for	Adj	<i>fitting for a particular situation</i> This film isn't appropriate for children.
inappropriate for	Adj	<i>not fitting for a particular situation</i> This text is inappropriate for beginners.
adequate for	Adj	<i>sufficient or good enough for a purpose</i> The budget is adequate for our needs.
inadequate for	Adj	<i>not sufficient for a particular need</i> The resources are inadequate for the task.
sufficient for	Adj	<i>enough to meet a need or purpose</i> Two hours is sufficient for the test.
unfit for	Adj	<i>not good enough for a particular purpose</i> The room is unfit for teaching.
convenient for	Adj	<i>fitting well with someone's needs or plans</i> The location is convenient for transport.
ready for	Adj	<i>prepared for something that is about to happen</i> Are you ready for the test?
qualified for	Adj	<i>having the right skills</i> He's qualified for the position.
necessary for	Adj	<i>needed in order to achieve a particular goal</i> Practice is necessary for improvement.
essential for/to	Adj	<i>absolutely necessary for a particular purpose</i> Grammar is essential for accuracy.
vital for/to	Adj	<i>extremely important and necessary</i> Feedback is vital to improvement.
crucial for/to	Adj	<i>of great importance; critical</i> Feedback is crucial to improvement.
prerequisite for	Noun	<i>something required as a prior condition</i> Attendance is a prerequisite for certification.
condition for	Noun	<i>something that must be fulfilled first</i> Hard work is a condition for success.
requirement for	Noun	<i>something that is needed or demanded</i> Fluency is a requirement for this role.
key to	Noun	<i>the most important factor in achieving success</i> Practice is the key to fluency.
commensurate with	Adj	<i>corresponding in size or degree to something</i> The salary is commensurate with experience.

● Tendency, inclination, proneness, habit (9 entries)

prone to	Adj	<i>likely or inclined to do something</i> He's prone to making spelling errors.
liable to	Adj	<i>likely to do or experience something</i> He's liable to forget.
inclined to	Adj	<i>having a tendency to do something</i> I'm inclined to agree with you.
disposed to/towards	Adj	<i>having a tendency or willingness</i> She's favourably disposed towards the idea.
tendency to/towards	Noun	<i>an inclination towards a behaviour</i> She has a tendency towards perfectionism.
inclination	Noun	<i>a natural tendency or leaning</i> She has an inclination towards research.

habit of	Noun	<i>a regular behaviour or practice</i> She has a habit of interrupting.
lean towards	Verb	<i>to have a tendency to favour an option</i> I'm leaning towards option B.
verge on	Verb	<i>to be very close to being a particular thing</i> His essay verges on plagiarism.

● **Yielding, succumbing, surrendering, tolerating** (9 entries)

yield to	Verb	<i>to give in to pressure or temptation</i> Don't yield to the temptation to cheat.
succumb to	Verb	<i>to fail to resist pressure or temptation</i> Don't succumb to the temptation to cheat.
surrender to	Verb	<i>to give up resistance to pressure or force</i> Don't surrender to frustration.
resort to	Verb	<i>to use something as a last option</i> Don't resort to using L1 in class.
addicted to	Adj	<i>physically or mentally dependent on something</i> He's addicted to caffeine.
put up with	Verb	<i>to tolerate or endure something</i> I can't put up with constant noise.
tolerant of	Adj	<i>willing to accept different views or behaviour</i> Be tolerant of different learning styles.
tolerance of/for	Noun	<i>willingness to accept different behaviour</i> She has little tolerance for laziness.
overcome by	Adj	<i>overwhelmed or defeated</i> She was overcome by emotion.

● **Position, proximity, location** (7 entries)

close to	Adj	<i>near in distance or relationship</i> The hotel is close to the station.
adjacent to	Adj	<i>next to or near something</i> The park is adjacent to the school.
opposite of/to	Noun	<i>completely different from; facing</i> What's the opposite of 'generous'?
new to	Adj	<i>recently arrived in or unfamiliar with a place</i> He's new to teaching.
present at	Adj	<i>attending or being at a place or event</i> Were you present at the meeting?
absent from	Adj	<i>not present at a place or event</i> She was absent from class.
surrounded by	Adj	<i>enclosed on all sides by something</i> She was surrounded by supportive colleagues.

● **Relationships, social bonds, interactions** (26 entries)

married to	Adj	<i>joined in marriage with a particular person</i> She's married to a fellow teacher.
engaged to	Adj	<i>having agreed to marry a particular person</i> He's engaged to his partner.
relationship with	Noun	<i>the way two people are connected</i> She has a good relationship with students.
friendly to/towards	Adj	<i>kind and pleasant towards</i> The staff are friendly towards visitors.
kind to	Adj	<i>showing care and warmth</i> Be kind to new students.
nice to	Adj	<i>pleasant and agreeable towards</i> Be nice to the new students.

good to	Adj	<i>treating someone well and generously</i> She's always been good to me.
polite to	Adj	<i>showing good manners towards</i> Always be polite to visitors.
generous to/with	Adj	<i>giving freely to others</i> He's generous with his time.
charitable	Adj	<i>kind and understanding towards others</i> Be more charitable towards your colleagues.
fair to	Adj	<i>treating someone in a just way</i> That's not fair to the other students.
patient with	Adj	<i>calmly tolerant towards</i> Be patient with slower learners.
impatient with	Adj	<i>unable to wait calmly for something</i> Try not to be impatient with beginners.
sympathetic	Adj	<i>showing understanding and care</i> The head is sympathetic towards our proposal.
compassion for	Noun	<i>sympathy and concern for those suffering</i> She showed compassion for the victims.
sympathy for	Noun	<i>feelings of pity and understanding</i> I have sympathy for struggling students.
pity for	Noun	<i>a feeling of sorrow for someone's misfortune</i> I felt pity for the struggling student.
respect for	Noun	<i>a feeling of admiration for a quality or person</i> Mutual respect for cultures is essential.
regard for	Noun	<i>consideration and care for someone's needs</i> She has high regard for her mentor.
jealous of	Adj	<i>feeling resentment at someone's success</i> He's jealous of her success.
envious of	Adj	<i>wanting what someone else has</i> She's envious of his fluency.
look up to	Verb	<i>to admire and respect someone</i> Students look up to their teachers.
look down on	Verb	<i>to regard someone as inferior</i> Don't look down on non-native speakers.
get on with	Verb	<i>to have a friendly relationship with someone</i> She gets on with all her colleagues.
mix with	Verb	<i>to socialise with other people</i> She mixes well with other students.
encounter with	Noun	<i>an unexpected meeting with another person</i> She had an encounter with a celebrity.

● Willingness, eagerness, determination, caution (26 entries)

eager for	Adj	<i>strongly wanting something</i> Students are eager for feedback.
anxious for	Adj	<i>wanting something very much</i> We're anxious for news.
hungry for	Adj	<i>having a strong desire for something</i> Students are hungry for practical advice.
desperate for	Adj	<i>having an urgent and extreme need for something</i> They're desperate for clean water.
ambitious for	Adj	<i>having a strong desire to achieve success</i> She's ambitious for her children.
bent on	Adj	<i>determined to do something regardless</i> She's bent on winning.
set on	Adj	<i>firmly decided about doing a particular thing</i> She's set on moving abroad.

intent on	Adj	<i>determined to achieve a particular goal</i> He's intent on finishing today.
serious about	Adj	<i>genuinely committed to a plan or goal</i> She's serious about passing the exam.
earnest about	Adj	<i>showing sincere and serious effort</i> She's earnest about improving her fluency.
particular about	Adj	<i>very exacting about details and standards</i> She's particular about punctuation.
strict about/with	Adj	<i>demanding that rules are followed</i> She's strict about deadlines.
careful about	Adj	<i>taking care to avoid problems or mistakes</i> Be careful about what you say.
careful of	Adj	<i>cautious to avoid danger or harm</i> Be careful of the ice.
careful with	Adj	<i>handling something with care and attention</i> Be careful with that vase.
cautious about	Adj	<i>acting with care to avoid potential risk</i> She's cautious about making promises.
careless about	Adj	<i>not paying enough attention to quality</i> He's careless about deadlines.
flexible about	Adj	<i>willing to change or compromise on plans</i> We're flexible about deadlines.
negligent in	Adj	<i>failing to take proper care in duties</i> He was negligent in his duties.
shy about	Adj	<i>feeling nervous or timid about something</i> He's shy about speaking English.
inhibited about	Adj	<i>unable to act naturally or spontaneously</i> He's inhibited about speaking in class.
sensitive about	Adj	<i>easily upset about a personal topic</i> He's sensitive about his accent.
sensitive to	Adj	<i>aware of and responsive to subtle changes</i> Be sensitive to cultural differences.
honest about	Adj	<i>truthful and open about a matter</i> Be honest about your level.
candid about	Adj	<i>open and frank about thoughts or feelings</i> She's refreshingly candid about her weaknesses.
evasive about	Adj	<i>avoiding giving a direct answer on a topic</i> He was evasive about his qualifications.

● Attacks, pressure, aggression, revenge (16 entries)

attack on	Noun	<i>an aggressive action against something</i> The attack on the embassy was condemned.
threat to	Noun	<i>a danger or possible harm to something</i> AI is seen as a threat to traditional learning.
pressure on	Noun	<i>force applied to make someone act</i> There's pressure on students to perform.
demand on	Noun	<i>a heavy requirement placed on someone's time</i> There are heavy demands on her time.
burden on	Noun	<i>a heavy responsibility or obligation</i> He doesn't want to be a burden on his family.
imposition on	Noun	<i>an unfair demand on someone's resources</i> The extra work was an imposition on staff.
impose on	Verb	<i>to take unfair advantage of someone's time</i> I don't want to impose on your time.
revenge on	Noun	<i>punishment inflicted in return for a wrong</i> He wanted revenge on his rivals.

conspire against	Verb	<i>to secretly plan to harm or undermine someone</i> They conspired against the government.
discrimination	Noun	<i>unjust treatment of a particular group</i> Discrimination against minorities persists.
spy on	Verb	<i>to watch someone secretly</i> He was caught spying on them.
pick on	Verb	<i>to single someone out for unfair treatment</i> Stop picking on your classmates.
shout at	Verb	<i>to speak loudly and angrily at a person</i> Don't shout at the students.
action against	Noun	<i>a step taken to oppose or punish</i> They took legal action against the company.
hold against	Verb	<i>to allow something to negatively affect judgement</i> I won't hold it against you.
appeal against	Verb	<i>to challenge a decision</i> They appealed against the verdict.

● Financial, legal, commercial (14 entries)

pay for	Verb	<i>to give money in exchange for goods or services</i> The school paid for the materials.
charge for	Noun	<i>the amount of money asked for a service</i> There's no charge for delivery.
fine for	Noun	<i>a sum of money paid as a penalty</i> He got a fine for speeding.
penalty for	Noun	<i>a punishment imposed for breaking a rule</i> There's a penalty for late submission.
tax on	Noun	<i>a compulsory payment imposed on income or goods</i> There's a new tax on sugary drinks.
deduction from	Noun	<i>an amount subtracted from a total</i> There was a deduction from his salary.
compensate for	Verb	<i>to make up for something lost or damaged</i> Nothing can compensate for the loss.
make up for	Verb	<i>to compensate for something lost or damaged</i> Hard work makes up for lack of talent.
owe (sth) to	Verb	<i>to be indebted to someone for help or money</i> I owe my success to my teachers.
borrow from	Verb	<i>to take something with permission to return it</i> She borrowed a pen from her classmate.
exchange for	Noun	<i>something given in return for something else</i> I got a refund in exchange for the product.
contract with	Noun	<i>a formal agreement with a party</i> We signed a contract with the supplier.
advertise for	Verb	<i>to publicly announce a vacancy or need</i> They advertised for a new manager.
bargain for	Verb	<i>to expect or be prepared for a situation</i> I didn't bargain for all this extra work.

● Purpose, reason, justification (20 entries)

reason for	Noun	<i>an explanation or justification for an action</i> What's the reason for the absence?
purpose of	Noun	<i>the aim or intention of a particular thing</i> The purpose of the exercise is fluency.
point of	Noun	<i>the purpose or relevance of a matter</i> What's the point of this exercise?
justification for	Noun	<i>a good reason or explanation for an action</i> There's no justification for cheating.

grounds for	Noun	<i>reasons that are sufficient to justify an action</i> There are no grounds for dismissal.
cause for	Noun	<i>a reason for a particular feeling or action</i> There is no cause for alarm.
inspiration for	Noun	<i>something that motivates or stimulates creativity</i> The trip was the inspiration for the poem.
incentive for	Noun	<i>something that motivates action</i> Grades are an incentive for studying.
model for	Noun	<i>an example to be followed or imitated</i> The text is a model for good writing.
substitute for	Noun	<i>a person or thing that replaces another</i> There's no substitute for practice.
solution to	Noun	<i>a means of solving a problem</i> There's no simple solution to this problem.
answer to	Noun	<i>a thing that solves or explains something</i> There's no easy answer to this problem.
remedy for	Noun	<i>something that corrects</i> There's no quick remedy for poor grammar.
cure for	Noun	<i>something that makes a problem or illness end</i> There's no cure for the common cold.
exception to	Noun	<i>a case that does not follow a general rule</i> There's an exception to every rule.
rule against	Noun	<i>a regulation prohibiting something</i> There's no rule against using contractions.
room for	Noun	<i>space or opportunity for something to happen</i> There's always room for improvement.
potential for	Noun	<i>the possibility of something developing</i> There's great potential for improvement.
opportunity for	Noun	<i>a chance to do something worthwhile</i> There's little opportunity for practice.
scope for	Noun	<i>the range of opportunity for action or thought</i> There's scope for improvement.

● **Applying, referring, extending** (10 entries)

apply to	Verb	<i>to be relevant or appropriate to a situation</i> This rule applies to all students.
refer to	Verb	<i>to mention or direct attention to a topic</i> Please refer to page forty-two.
extend to	Verb	<i>to include or cover something</i> The offer extends to all members.
confine to	Verb	<i>to keep within certain limits</i> Let's confine ourselves to the topic.
point at/to	Verb	<i>to direct attention towards something</i> She pointed to the board.
direct at	Verb	<i>to aim something at a particular target</i> The comment was directed at me.
applicable to	Adj	<i>relevant or appropriate</i> This rule is applicable to everyone.
attest to	Verb	<i>to provide evidence or proof of something</i> The results attest to the method's effectiveness.
bear on	Verb	<i>to be relevant or relate to a subject</i> These facts bear on the case.
incidental to	Adj	<i>happening as a minor part of something larger</i> Grammar practice is incidental to the main task.

● Suffering, health, recovery (9 entries)

suffer from	Verb	<i>to be affected by an illness or problem</i> She suffers from exam anxiety.
recover from	Verb	<i>to return to normal after illness or difficulty</i> He recovered from his illness quickly.
recovery from	Noun	<i>the process of returning to normal health</i> Recovery from burnout takes time.
ill with	Adj	<i>suffering from a particular illness</i> She's ill with the flu.
allergic to	Adj	<i>having a physical reaction to a substance</i> He's allergic to peanuts.
exhausted from/by	Adj	<i>extremely tired as a result of hard work</i> I'm exhausted from all the marking.
fatigued by	Adj	<i>made very tired by prolonged effort</i> Students were fatigued by the long exam.
vulnerable to	Adj	<i>susceptible to harm or damage</i> New teachers are vulnerable to burnout.
resistant to	Adj	<i>not easily affected by pressure or disease</i> Some learners are resistant to correction.

● Substituting, replacing, exchanging (3 entries)

replace with	Verb	<i>to put something new in place of the old</i> Replace the noun with a pronoun.
mistake for	Verb	<i>to wrongly identify as something else</i> I mistook her for a native speaker.
pass for	Verb	<i>to be accepted as something one is not</i> His accent could pass for a native speaker's.

● Manner, method, means (4 entries)

method of	Noun	<i>a way of doing something systematically</i> What's the best method of assessment?
manner of	Noun	<i>the way in which something is done</i> His manner of speaking is very formal.
means of	Noun	<i>a way of achieving or doing something</i> Language is a means of communication.
approach to	Noun	<i>a way of dealing with a situation or problem</i> They took a different approach to the problem.

● Miscellaneous, fixed collocations (169 entries)

abandon (sth) to	Verb	<i>to give up something completely</i> They abandoned the city to the invaders.
abhorrence of	Noun	<i>a strong feeling of hatred for something</i> She has an abhorrence of dishonesty.
abstention from	Noun	<i>the act of choosing not to do something</i> His abstention from the vote was noted.
accompanied by	Adj	<i>going together with; having alongside</i> The text is accompanied by illustrations.
act on	Verb	<i>to take action based on advice or information</i> She acted on his advice.
addition to	Noun	<i>something extra added to what already exists</i> In addition to English, she speaks German.
advantage of	Noun	<i>a benefit or favourable</i> What's the advantage of this method?
advice on	Noun	<i>guidance given about a particular topic</i> She gave me advice on pronunciation.

allow for	Verb	<i>to take into consideration</i> Allow for delays during rush hour.
aloof from	Adj	<i>not friendly or involved; distant from others</i> He remains aloof from office politics.
alternate between	Verb	<i>to switch repeatedly between two things</i> She alternates between formal and informal registers.
appointment with	Noun	<i>an arranged meeting with a person</i> I have an appointment with the dentist.
arrange for	Verb	<i>to organise or plan something</i> I'll arrange for a taxi.
attraction to	Noun	<i>a feeling of being drawn towards</i> His attraction to danger is worrying.
benchmark for	Noun	<i>a standard for measuring or comparing</i> IELTS 6.5 is a benchmark for university entry.
bet on	Verb	<i>to risk money on a predicted outcome</i> I wouldn't bet on it.
beware of	Verb	<i>to be cautious about a potential danger</i> Beware of pickpockets.
break into	Verb	<i>to enter by force; to suddenly start doing</i> Someone broke into the office.
burst into	Verb	<i>to suddenly begin doing</i> She burst into tears.
candidate for	Noun	<i>a person being considered for a role</i> She's a candidate for the post.
capitalise on	Verb	<i>to use a situation to one's advantage</i> They capitalised on the opportunity.
cling to	Verb	<i>to hold on tightly to something important</i> She clung to the railing.
collide with	Verb	<i>to crash into something</i> The car collided with a tree.
come up with	Verb	<i>to think of an idea or plan</i> She came up with a brilliant idea.
commiserate with	Verb	<i>to express sympathy with someone</i> She commiserated with him over the result.
compulsion to	Noun	<i>an irresistible urge to do something</i> He felt a compulsion to correct every error.
concerned about	Adj	<i>worried about a situation or outcome</i> I'm concerned about your progress.
concerned with	Adj	<i>dealing with or relating to a particular topic</i> The article is concerned with grammar.
concession to	Noun	<i>something granted in response to demands</i> The change was a concession to parents.
confronted by/with	Adj	<i>facing a difficult situation or person</i> She was confronted by a difficult question.
crash into	Verb	<i>to hit something violently while moving</i> The lorry crashed into a wall.
cut down on	Verb	<i>to reduce the amount of something consumed</i> You should cut down on sugar.
danger of	Noun	<i>the possibility of something harmful happening</i> There's a danger of flooding.
dear to	Adj	<i>cherished by or important to a person</i> The tradition is dear to them.
delegate to	Verb	<i>to assign a task to another person</i> She delegated the task to her assistant.
denial of	Noun	<i>a statement that something is not true</i> His denial of responsibility was unconvincing.

deprive (sb) of	Verb	<i>to take something essential away from someone</i> The war deprived them of their home.
deprived of	Adj	<i>lacking something considered essential</i> The children were deprived of education.
descended from	Adj	<i>having an ancestor who was</i> She is descended from a noble family.
desire for	Noun	<i>a strong wish for something specific</i> He has a strong desire for success.
diligent in	Adj	<i>showing careful and persistent effort</i> She's diligent in her preparation.
diminish in	Verb	<i>to become less or weaker over time</i> His confidence diminished in the oral exam.
directive on	Noun	<i>an official instruction</i> The EU issued a directive on data privacy.
disgusted at/with	Adj	<i>feeling strong revulsion at behaviour</i> She was disgusted at the mess.
diverge from	Verb	<i>to differ or move apart</i> His opinion diverges from the consensus.
duty to	Noun	<i>a moral or legal obligation towards</i> Teachers have a duty to their students.
eavesdrop on	Verb	<i>to secretly listen to a private conversation</i> He eavesdropped on the conversation.
embedded in	Adj	<i>fixed firmly within something</i> Grammar is embedded in context.
emerge from	Verb	<i>to come out of or become visible</i> The truth emerged from the investigation.
empathise with	Verb	<i>to understand and share</i> Try to empathise with your learners.
employed by	Adj	<i>working for a person or organisation</i> She's employed by a language school.
encourage (sb) in	Verb	<i>to give support to someone in an activity</i> The teacher encouraged her in her studies.
enjoy about	Verb	<i>to find pleasure in a particular aspect</i> What do you enjoy about teaching?
entangled in	Adj	<i>caught up in a complicated situation</i> He got entangled in a complex explanation.
equal to	Adj	<i>having the ability or status to match a challenge</i> She's equal to the challenge.
equate with	Verb	<i>to consider as the same</i> Don't equate fluency with accuracy.
equipped with	Adj	<i>supplied or provided with necessary tools</i> The room is equipped with a projector.
evident from	Adj	<i>clearly visible or understood from evidence</i> His frustration was evident from his tone.
exaggeration of	Noun	<i>a statement making something seem larger</i> It's an exaggeration of the truth.
excited about	Adj	<i>feeling enthusiastic and eager about a plan</i> They're excited about the trip.
expectation of	Noun	<i>a belief that something will happen</i> There's an expectation of high standards.
experiment with	Verb	<i>to try something new to see what happens</i> They experimented with new methods.
face up to	Verb	<i>to accept and deal with a difficult truth</i> You need to face up to reality.
fault with	Noun	<i>a reason for criticism of a product or action</i> She always finds fault with my work.

favourable to	Adj	<i>positive or supportive towards</i> Conditions are favourable to learning.
feast on	Verb	<i>to eat or enjoy a large</i> Learners can feast on authentic materials online.
feed on	Verb	<i>to draw energy or sustenance from a source</i> The discussion fed on students' curiosity.
force into	Verb	<i>to make someone do something unwillingly</i> Nobody forced him into the decision.
freedom of	Noun	<i>the right to do something without restriction</i> Freedom of expression must be protected.
fulfilment of	Noun	<i>the completion or achievement of an ambition</i> The fulfilment of the criteria is essential.
get over	Verb	<i>to recover from an illness or disappointment</i> He got over his fear of speaking.
guarantee of	Noun	<i>an assurance that something will happen</i> Practice is no guarantee of perfection.
guess at	Verb	<i>to estimate or suppose without certainty</i> Don't just guess at the meaning.
hammer at	Verb	<i>to keep repeating something emphatically</i> He hammered at the point repeatedly.
hand over to	Verb	<i>to give control or possession to another person</i> I'll hand over to my colleague now.
happen to	Verb	<i>to occur to; to experience by chance</i> What happened to the old textbooks?
harmonise with	Verb	<i>to be consistent or compatible with something</i> The policy should harmonise with best practice.
hear about	Verb	<i>to receive information about an event</i> Have you heard about the new course?
hear from	Verb	<i>to receive a message or call from a person</i> I haven't heard from her since June.
hear of	Verb	<i>to become aware of something's existence</i> I've never heard of that idiom.
hold on to	Verb	<i>to keep something; to grip tightly</i> Hold on to this handout.
hope for	Verb	<i>to wish for something good to happen</i> We're hoping for good results.
hopeful about/of	Adj	<i>feeling that something good will happen</i> I'm hopeful about the future.
humbled by	Adj	<i>made to feel modest by something impressive</i> She was humbled by the praise.
implication for	Noun	<i>a possible consequence or effect</i> This has implications for assessment.
impressed by/with	Adj	<i>feeling admiration and respect</i> The examiner was impressed by her fluency.
impression of/on	Noun	<i>an effect or feeling produced on someone</i> She made a good impression on the panel.
indulge in	Verb	<i>to allow oneself to enjoy a luxury</i> She indulged in a long holiday.
inform on	Verb	<i>to give information about someone's wrongdoing</i> He informed on his accomplices.
inspired by	Adj	<i>stimulated or influenced creatively</i> The lesson was inspired by a TED talk.
intention of	Noun	<i>a plan or aim to do a particular thing</i> He has no intention of quitting.
interfere in/with	Verb	<i>to get involved in something uninvited</i> Don't interfere with the process.

introduce to	Verb	<i>to present something new to a person</i> Let me introduce you to conditionals.
invitation to	Noun	<i>a request to attend or participate</i> He received an invitation to the conference.
invite to	Verb	<i>to ask someone to attend an event</i> She was invited to give a talk.
joke about	Verb	<i>to say funny things about a subject</i> She joked about her mistakes.
judge by	Verb	<i>to form an opinion based on appearances</i> Don't judge a book by its cover.
judgement of/on	Noun	<i>an opinion or decision about a matter</i> Reserve judgement on this matter.
jump at	Verb	<i>to eagerly accept an opportunity</i> She jumped at the opportunity.
justified in	Adj	<i>having a good reason for a particular action</i> I think you're justified in complaining.
keep from	Verb	<i>to stop oneself from doing something</i> I couldn't keep from laughing.
knock at/on	Verb	<i>to strike a surface to attract attention</i> Someone knocked on the door.
laugh at	Verb	<i>to show amusement at; to mock someone</i> Don't laugh at other people's mistakes.
lie about	Verb	<i>to say something untrue</i> He lied about his qualifications.
likelihood of	Noun	<i>the probability of something happening</i> The likelihood of success is high.
listen to	Verb	<i>to pay attention to sounds or speech</i> Listen to the recording carefully.
look after	Verb	<i>to take care of a person or thing</i> Who will look after the equipment?
look forward to	Verb	<i>to feel excited about a future event</i> I look forward to hearing from you.
marvel at	Verb	<i>to feel great wonder or admiration</i> We marvelled at her fluency.
matter of	Noun	<i>a topic or situation being discussed</i> It's a matter of practice.
meddle in/with	Verb	<i>to interfere in something uninvited</i> Don't meddle in other people's affairs.
name after	Verb	<i>to give the same name as someone or something creator.</i> The method is named after its creator.
need for	Noun	<i>a requirement for something essential</i> There's a need for more resources.
neglect of	Noun	<i>the failure to give proper attention or care</i> There's been a neglect of speaking skills.
negotiate with	Verb	<i>to discuss terms with another party</i> We negotiated with the publisher.
nominate for	Verb	<i>to propose someone for an award or role</i> She was nominated for the award.
obliged to	Adj	<i>feeling morally required to do something</i> I feel obliged to mention this.
occur to	Verb	<i>to come into someone's mind</i> It didn't occur to me to check.
offended by	Adj	<i>feeling hurt or upset by a remark or action</i> She was offended by the remark.
operate on	Verb	<i>to function using a particular principle</i> The system operates on a simple principle.

optimistic about	Adj	<i>expecting good things to happen in future</i> I'm optimistic about the results.
pessimistic about	Adj	<i>expecting bad things to happen</i> Don't be pessimistic about your chances.
picture of	Noun	<i>a representation or image of a scene or person</i> The data paints a picture of improvement.
plan for	Noun	<i>a detailed proposal for achieving a goal</i> We need a plan for next term.
play at	Verb	<i>to pretend to do or be (informal)</i> What are you playing at?
pray for	Verb	<i>to make a request for something earnestly</i> We're praying for good weather.
proof of	Noun	<i>evidence showing something is true</i> You need proof of identity.
proud of	Adj	<i>feeling pleased about an achievement or quality</i> I'm proud of your achievement.
pride in	Noun	<i>a feeling of satisfaction in one's work</i> She takes pride in her students.
pride oneself on	Verb	<i>to feel proud about a quality one has</i> The school prides itself on its results.
punish (sb) for	Verb	<i>to impose a penalty for a wrongdoing</i> He was punished for cheating.
quota for	Noun	<i>a limited number or amount allocated</i> There's a quota for international students.
reaction to	Noun	<i>a response to an event or statement</i> What was the reaction to the change?
require of	Verb	<i>to demand something from a person</i> What is required of candidates?
research into/on	Noun	<i>a systematic study of a particular subject</i> Research into SLA is ongoing.
resemble in	Verb	<i>to be similar to in a particular way</i> The two dialects resemble each other in tone.
respond to	Verb	<i>to reply or react to a question or situation</i> She responded to the question clearly.
response to	Noun	<i>an answer or reaction to a stimulus</i> In response to feedback, we changed the syllabus.
restricted to	Adj	<i>limited to a particular group or area</i> Access is restricted to staff only.
risk of	Noun	<i>the possibility of something bad happening</i> There's a risk of fossilisation.
rooted in	Adj	<i>having its origin or basis in a tradition</i> The tradition is rooted in history.
sign of	Noun	<i>an indication that something exists or is true</i> There's no sign of improvement.
smile at	Verb	<i>to direct a smile towards someone</i> She smiled at the new student.
sold on	Adj	<i>convinced about the value of an idea</i> I'm not sold on the plan.
source of	Noun	<i>a place or thing from which something comes</i> The internet is a great source of materials.
steeped in	Adj	<i>having a lot of a particular quality</i> The region is steeped in folklore.
subscribe to	Verb	<i>to agree with or support an idea</i> I subscribe to that theory.
take after	Verb	<i>to resemble a parent or relative</i> She takes after her father.

take on	Verb	<i>to accept a task or responsibility</i> He took on extra classes.
threaten with	Verb	<i>to say you will cause harm using</i> He threatened them with expulsion.
transformation of	Noun	<i>a thorough or dramatic change</i> The transformation of the department was remarkable.
turn to	Verb	<i>to go to someone for help or advice</i> She turned to her colleague for advice.
unite against	Verb	<i>to join together to oppose a common threat</i> The staff united against the cuts.
unknown to	Adj	<i>not known or familiar to a particular person</i> The answer was unknown to most students.
up against	Verb	<i>facing a difficult situation or opponent</i> We're up against a tight deadline.
use of	Noun	<i>the act of employing something for a purpose</i> Good use of vocabulary was noted.
value of	Noun	<i>the importance or worth</i> The value of feedback cannot be overstated.
verdict on	Noun	<i>an opinion or judgement</i> What's your verdict on the new coursebook?
version of	Noun	<i>a particular form of something</i> This is a simplified version of the rule.
victim of	Noun	<i>someone harmed by a person or event</i> She was a victim of unfair grading.
vote against	Verb	<i>to formally express opposition to a proposal</i> They voted against the motion.
vote for	Verb	<i>to formally express support for a candidate</i> We voted for the new policy.
wait for	Verb	<i>to stay until someone or something arrives</i> Wait for your partner to finish.
warning about/of	Noun	<i>a statement alerting to a potential danger</i> There was a warning about plagiarism.
waste of	Noun	<i>a bad or pointless use of resources or time</i> It's a waste of time.
witness to	Noun	<i>evidence or proof of an event or quality</i> The improvement is witness to their hard work.
wrong with	Adj	<i>not functioning correctly; having a problem</i> What's wrong with this sentence?
write about	Verb	<i>to create written content on a topic</i> Write about a topic you know well.
write to	Verb	<i>to compose a message addressed to someone</i> Write to the examiner, not your friend.