Phrasebank

Verb + preposition combinations

Verb + Preposition	Example Sentence
Agree with (sb)	He agreed with me that it was a great idea.
Agree on (sth)	We agreed on the terms of the contract.
Apply <i>for</i>	I have applied for a job at the council.
Belong to	This laptop belongs to me.
Complain to (sb)	She had to complain to HR.
Complain <i>about</i> (sth)	He complained about the service he received.
Comply with	You have to comply with the injunction.
Depend <i>on</i>	The success of the project depends on many factors.
Hear <i>about</i>	Did you hear about Roger being made redundant?
Look <i>for</i>	Where have you been? I've been looking for you all morning!
Pay <i>for</i>	He paid for dinner with his company credit card.
Rely on	He's a great boss, you can rely on him for anything.
Take care of	You organise the course bookings and i'll take care of the rest.
Talk to	I'd like to talk to your senior manager, please.
Think <i>about</i> (consider)	Give me a couple of days to think about your offer.
Think <i>of</i>	What do you think of the new sales manager?
Wait <i>for</i>	I had to wait for the train for over an hour.
Write to	I'm writing to you to introduce myself.

Verb + object + preposition combinations



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Ask someone for	I asked him for a deadline extension.
<i>Blame</i> someone <i>for</i>	He blamed her for the delay.
Borrow something from	He asked if he could borrow a pen from me.
Congratulate someone on	He congratulated me on my presentation.
<i>Insure</i> something <i>against</i>	I insured my office against flooding.
<i>Invest</i> something <i>in</i>	I invested a huge amount of time in the company.
Lend something to	I said I would lend him my car for the weekend.
Provide someone with	Sarah provided Marc with an outstanding reference.
Spend something on	She spent far too much money on her new car.
Thank someone for	He thanked her for all her time and effort.

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