



## Verb + Preposition Collocations – Practice Exercises

Instructions: Complete the exercises using the correct verb + preposition collocations. Write full answers where necessary.

### Exercise 1 – Choose the correct preposition

1. She apologised \_\_\_\_ being late. (for / to / about)
2. He succeeded \_\_\_\_ passing the exam. (in / at / to)
3. They are still waiting \_\_\_\_ an answer. (for / to / about)
4. This decision will result \_\_\_\_ big changes. (in / to / from)
5. I don't really agree \_\_\_\_ him. (with / to / about)
6. Have you heard \_\_\_\_ this author? (of / about / from)
7. He suffers \_\_\_\_ back pain. (from / of / with)
8. We invested a lot of money \_\_\_\_ the project. (in / to / for)
9. She is worried \_\_\_\_ her exam results. (about / for / of)
10. The children were laughing \_\_\_\_ the clown. (at / about / to)

### Exercise 2 – Complete the sentences with the correct preposition

1. He finally agreed \_\_\_\_ sign the contract.
2. She believes \_\_\_\_ herself even in difficult moments.
3. The police are searching \_\_\_\_ the missing boy.
4. We had to adapt \_\_\_\_ our new working conditions.
5. He was accused \_\_\_\_ lying to his colleagues.
6. I don't like dealing \_\_\_\_ angry customers.
7. She often complains \_\_\_\_ the noise.
8. He graduated \_\_\_\_ university in 2018.
9. Please respond \_\_\_\_ my email as soon as possible.
10. This road leads \_\_\_\_ the city centre.



### **Exercise 3 – Correct the mistakes**

Each sentence contains one wrong preposition. Find it and correct it.

1. He insisted to paying for the meal.
2. She is very good in maths.
3. We are still waiting to an answer.
4. He apologised about being late.
5. She doesn't agree to me.
6. This book consists from ten chapters.
7. He succeeded at solving the problem.
8. They complained for the service.

### **Exercise 4 – Gap-fill (use the correct verb + preposition collocation)**

1. You should \_\_\_\_\_ your mistakes. (apologise + for)
2. He finally \_\_\_\_\_ his illness. (recover + from)
3. She doesn't \_\_\_\_\_ her colleagues. (agree + with)
4. We are \_\_\_\_\_ your help. (depend + on)
5. He \_\_\_\_\_ his new job very quickly. (adapt + to)
6. They \_\_\_\_\_ the fire brigade. (call + for)
7. She \_\_\_\_\_ her brother very much. (care + about)
8. The discussion \_\_\_\_\_ an argument. (result + in)



## **Answer Key**

Exercise 1: 1. for 2. in 3. for 4. in 5. with 6. of 7. from 8. in 9. about 10. at

Exercise 2: 1. to 2. in 3. for 4. to 5. of 6. with 7. about 8. from 9. to 10. to

Exercise 3:

1. insist on paying
2. good at maths
3. waiting for an answer
4. apologised for being late
5. agree with me
6. consists of ten chapters
7. succeeded in solving
8. complained about the service

Exercise 4:

1. apologise for
2. recover from
3. agree with
4. depend on
5. adapt to
6. call for
7. care about
8. result in