

## Verbs + Prepositions

Some verbs are often followed by a specific preposition. They are called *prepositional verbs*.

*I agree with Mike.*

*She listens to the radio a lot.*

*He thanked me for the flowers.*

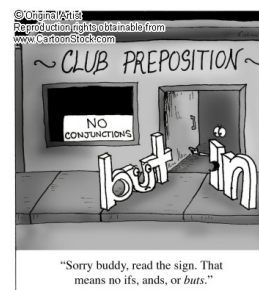
Some verbs can be prepositional in Spanish, but not in English, or the other way round:

I met ~~preposition~~ Paul in the car park.

My students are very responsible and I trust ~~preposition~~ them.

Unfortunately, there are no grammatical rules or translation to help you know which preposition is used with which verb, so it's a good idea to try to learn them together. To help you do this, write new vocabulary in your notebook in a sentence or phrase. Here are some common verbs for each preposition.

<p>Verbs with <i>for</i></p> <p>They're <b>waiting for</b> a bus.  He <b>apologised for</b> being late.  I <b>applied for</b> the job but I didn't get it.  How do you <b>ask for</b> a coffee in Polish?  I can't go out tonight because I have to <b>prepare for</b> my interview tomorrow.</p>	<p>Verbs with <i>on</i></p> <p>Their decision will <b>depend on</b> the test results.  The film is <b>based on</b> the novel by Boris Pasternak.  If you make so much noise, I can't <b>concentrate on</b> my work.  Come on! We're <b>relying on</b> you!  We don't <b>*agree on</b> anything but we're still good friends.  <b>*agree with</b> someone</p>
<p>Verbs with <i>in</i></p> <p>She doesn't <b>believe in</b> coincidences.  Our company <b>specialises in</b> computer software.  You have to work hard if you want to <b>succeed in</b> life.</p>	<p>Verbs with <i>of</i></p> <p>I don't <b>approve of</b> hunting animals for their fur.  Our dog <b>died of</b> old age.  This shampoo <b>smells of</b> bananas.  Pescatarianism <b>consists of</b> not eating meat.</p>
<p>Verbs with <i>to</i></p> <p>What kind of music do you like <b>listening to</b>?  Can I <b>introduce</b> you <b>to</b> my grandfather?  Please <b>refer to</b> the notes at the end for more information.  Nobody <b>responded to</b> my complaint.  She <b>apologised to</b> me the next day.  I <b>look forward to</b> hearing from you.</p>	<p>Verbs with <i>from</i></p> <p>This spray should <b>protect</b> you <b>from</b> mosquitoes.  Has he <b>recovered from</b> the accident yet?  She won an award because she <b>saved</b> someone <b>from</b> drowning.  I <b>suffer from</b> allergies.  I haven't <b>heard from</b> him for ages.</p>
<p>Verbs with <i>with</i></p> <p>I <b>agree with</b> everything you've said.  My assistant will <b>provide</b> you <b>with</b> more information if you need it.  We're finding it difficult to <b>deal with</b> the stress.</p>	<p>Verbs with <i>at</i></p> <p>He <b>smiled at</b> me when I went past him.  <b>Look at</b> me when I am talking to you!  When we <b>**arrived at</b> the cinema, the film had started.  The teacher <b>shouted at</b> her when she arrived late.  His jokes are so funny that everybody <b>laughs at</b> them</p> <p><b>**arrive in</b> + country / city; <b>arrive</b> home</p>



For extra practice: <https://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org/grammar/b1-b2-grammar/verbs-and-prepositions>