

Noun + Preposition Combinations

FOR

- **a check for (an amount of money)**
He gave me a check for \$100
- **a demand for**
There's a huge demand for affordable housing.
- **a need for**
This country has a real need for trustworthy leaders.
- **a reason for**
There's no reason for such bad behavior.
- **credit for**
I have to give her credit for doing a great job.
- **a preference for**
I have a preference for historical movies, but I'll watch pretty much anything.
- **a reputation for**
He has a reputation for honesty and kindness.
- **respect/admiration for**
I have enormous respect for firefighters.
- **a talent for**
Some people have a real talent for singing.
- **room for**
Is there room for a water bottle inside the backpack?

IN

- **a rise in / an increase in**
There's been a rise in global temperatures.
- **a fall in / a decrease in**
There's been a fall in prices lately.
- **interest in**
That book sparked my interest in politics.
- **a delay in**
He was responsible for the delay in the preparations.

- **experience in**

Do you have any experience in this area?

OF

- **a cause of**

Losing my job was the cause of all my problems.

- **a photograph/picture of something**

We took quite a few pictures of the beach.

- **a process of**

We're in the process of remodeling our house.

- **an advantage of / a disadvantage of**

The advantage of taking the bus is that you don't have to worry about parking.

- **a habit of**

I have the habit of eating ice cream while I watch TV.

- **no intention of**

I have no intention of quitting my job anytime soon.

- **a lack of**

We couldn't believe his lack of table manners.

- **a result of**

She presented the results of her research.

TO

- **damage to**

The hurricane caused some damage to my house.

- **an addiction to**

I think he has an addiction to video games.

- **dedication/devotion to**

His life is guided by his devotion to religion.

- **a reaction to**

They didn't show any reaction to the news.

- **access to**

Only employees should have access to the files.

- **a response/reply to**

I couldn't hear his reply to the question.

- **a contribution to**

Thanks for your contribution to the project.

- **a threat to**

Pollution is a threat to the environment.

- **an exception to**

There are some exceptions to the grammar rules in English.

Others:

- **anger at**

Your anger at him is perfectly justified.

- **an expert on/at/in**

She's an expert at fixing things.

- **an attack on**

The soldiers are planning an attack on the enemy base.

- **an effect on**

This medication might have an effect on your appetite.

- **a ban on**

There's a ban on genetically-modified foods.

- **a tax on**

The government wants to raise the tax on alcoholic beverages.

- **a speech on/about**

I'm going to give a speech on overcoming obstacles.

- **a difference between**

I don't see much of a difference between those two shades of blue.

- **protection from**

This helmet offers the best protection from injuries.

- **a break from**

I need a break from all this studying!

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