

## English Grammar – Dependent Prepositions

Many verbs demand a specific preposition, and we call them “dependent prepositions”, because the preposition depends on the verb. When you watch TV or a film in English, or listen to music, pay attention to the verb/preposition combinations.

Here are some examples:

be afraid <b>of</b>	be married <b>to</b> *
agree/disagree <b>with</b>	participate <b>in</b>
approve <b>of</b>	pay attention <b>to</b>
argue <b>with</b>	prepare <b>for</b>
ask someone <b>for</b>	receive something <b>from</b>
belong <b>to</b>	refer <b>to</b>
buy something <b>for/from</b>	reply/respond <b>to</b>
be committed <b>to</b>	responsible <b>for</b>
count <b>on</b>	say something <b>to</b>
deal <b>with</b>	search <b>for</b>
depend <b>on</b>	sell something <b>to</b>
dream <b>about/of</b>	send something <b>to</b>
give something <b>to</b>	suffer <b>from</b>
go <b>to</b>	take care <b>of</b>
insist <b>on</b>	talk <b>to/with</b>
be interested <b>in</b>	think <b>about/of</b>
invest <b>in</b>	wait <b>for</b>
look <b>for/at</b>	worry <b>about</b>

\* to be married to: <https://www.youtube.com/shorts/4UHDZpkbfWE> (1 min)

Video suggestion: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cCh0EDHKTcc> (7 mins)

**Exercise 1.** Complete the following sentences with the correct prepositions:

1. Jeffrey has been promoted and is now responsible \_\_\_\_\_ national sales.
2. I have always taken care \_\_\_\_\_ my sick mother.
3. We are thinking \_\_\_\_\_ taking a trip to the USA next year.
4. Talk \_\_\_\_\_ me! Please don't just ignore me!
5. Look \_\_\_\_\_ me when I'm talking \_\_\_\_\_ you!
6. The little boy asked his mother \_\_\_\_\_ a lollipop.
7. My decision depends \_\_\_\_\_ what you have to offer.
8. I have always been interested \_\_\_\_\_ languages.
9. Unfortunately, you can't count \_\_\_\_\_ John. He is not reliable.
10. My old aunt has always suffered \_\_\_\_\_ back pain.
11. I must prepare \_\_\_\_\_ my test tomorrow.
12. Last night I went \_\_\_\_\_ the cinema with my friends.
13. This is not my problem! You can deal \_\_\_\_\_ it!
14. I really don't approve \_\_\_\_\_ your choice.
15. I disagree \_\_\_\_\_ you, but I don't want to argue \_\_\_\_\_ you.
16. I have lost my diary. Can you please help me look \_\_\_\_\_ it?
17. Did you know that Bob is married \_\_\_\_\_ Jane?
18. I participate \_\_\_\_\_ many meetings every day.

**Exercise 2.** Translate to English:

1. Semana passada comprei um carro para meu filho.

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2. Ontem vendi um carro para um amigo.

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3. Todos os dias preciso lidar com muitos problemas.

\_\_\_\_\_

4. Minha renda depende dos meus resultados.

\_\_\_\_\_

5. Estou interessado em coisas irlandesas.

\_\_\_\_\_

6. Luan não é casado com a Jane.

\_\_\_\_\_

7. Frequentemente participo de reuniões online.

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8. Preciso cuidar da minha mãe.

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9. Estou sempre pensando na minha próxima venda.

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10. Sempre me preocupo com meus negócios.

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