

Noun + preposition (reason for, cause of etc.)

A

Noun + **for** ...a **demand** / a **need FOR** ...

- The company closed down because there wasn't enough **demand for** its product.
- There's no excuse for behaviour like that. There's no **need for** it.

a **reason FOR** ...

- The train was late, but nobody knew the **reason for** the delay. (*not* reason of)

B

Noun + **of** ...an **advantage** / a **disadvantage OF** ...

- The **advantage of living alone** is that you can do what you like.

*but***there is** an advantage **in** (*or to*) doing something

- There are** many advantages **in** living alone. *or* ... many advantages **to** living alone.

a **cause OF** ...

- The **cause of** the explosion is unknown.

a **picture** / a **photo** / a **photograph** / a **map** / a **plan** / a **drawing** (etc.) **OF** ...

- Rachel showed me some **pictures of** her family.
- I had a **map of** the town, so I was able to find my way around.

C

Noun + **in** ...an **increase** / a **decrease** / a **rise** / a **fall IN** (prices etc.)

- There has been an **increase in** the number of road accidents recently.
- Last year was a bad one for the company. There was a big **fall in** sales.

D

Noun + **to** ...**damage TO** ...

- The accident was my fault, so I had to pay for the **damage to** the other car.

an **invitation TO** ... (a party / a wedding etc.)

- Did you get an **invitation to** the party?

a **solution TO** (a problem) / a **key TO** (a door) / an **answer TO** (a question) / a **reply TO** (a letter) / a **reaction TO** ...

- I hope we find a **solution to** the problem. (*not* a solution of the problem)
- I was surprised at her **reaction to** my suggestion.

an **attitude TO** ... *or* an **attitude TOWARDS** ...

- His **attitude to** his job is very negative. *or* His **attitude towards** his job ...

E

Noun + **with** ... / **between** ...a **relationship** / a **connection** / **contact WITH** ...

- Do you have a good **relationship with** your parents?
- The police want to question a man in **connection with** the robbery.

*but*a **relationship** / a **connection** / **contact** / a **difference BETWEEN** two things or people

- The police believe that there is no **connection between** the two crimes.
- There are some **differences between** British and American English.

129.1 Complete the second sentence so that it has the same meaning as the first.

- 1 What caused the explosion? What was the cause of the explosion ?
- 2 We're trying to solve the problem.
We're trying to find a solution _____.
- 3 Sue gets on well with her brother.
Sue has a good relationship _____.
- 4 The cost of living has gone up a lot.
There has been a big increase _____.
- 5 I don't know how to answer your question.
I can't think of an answer _____.
- 6 I don't think that a new road is necessary.
I don't think there is any need _____.
- 7 I think that working at home has many advantages.
I think that there are many advantages _____.
- 8 The number of people without jobs fell last month.
Last month there was a fall _____.
- 9 Nobody wants to buy shoes like these any more.
There is no demand _____.
- 10 In what way is your job different from mine?
What is the difference _____?

129.2 Complete the sentences using these nouns + a preposition:

cause	connection	contact	damage	invitation
key	map	photographs	reason	reply

- 1 On the wall there were some pictures and a map of the world.
- 2 Thank you for the _____ your party next week.
- 3 Since she left home two years ago, Sophie has had little _____ her family.
- 4 I can't open this door. Do you have a _____ the other door?
- 5 The _____ the fire at the hotel last week is still unknown.
- 6 Did you get a _____ the email you sent to the company?
- 7 The two companies are completely independent. There is no _____ them.
- 8 Jane showed me some old _____ the city as it looked 100 years ago.
- 9 Carol has decided to give up her job. I don't know her _____ doing this.
- 10 It wasn't a bad accident. The _____ the car wasn't serious.

129.3 Complete the sentences with the correct preposition.

- 1 There are some differences between British and American English.
- 2 Money isn't the solution _____ every problem.
- 3 There has been an increase _____ the amount of traffic using this road.
- 4 The advantage _____ having a car is that you don't have to rely on public transport.
- 5 There are many advantages _____ being able to speak a foreign language.
- 6 Everything can be explained. There's a reason _____ everything.
- 7 When Paul left home, his attitude _____ his parents seemed to change.
- 8 Ben and I used to be good friends, but I don't have much contact _____ him now.
- 9 There has been a sharp rise _____ property prices in the past few years.
- 10 What was Sarah's reaction _____ the news?
- 11 If I give you the camera, can you take a picture _____ me?
- 12 The company has rejected the workers' demands _____ a rise _____ pay.
- 13 What was the answer _____ question 3 in the test?
- 14 The fact that Jane was offered a job has no connection _____ the fact that she is a friend of the managing director.