

# Common noun + preposition combinations

Some nouns are followed by particular prepositions. Test your understanding of these common noun + preposition combinations with this grammar exercise.

Instruction: Complete the following sentences using appropriate prepositions.

1. We had little hope ..... success; nonetheless, we decided to perform the operation.

for  
about  
of

2. The cash-for-vote scandal did a lot of harm ..... his reputation as a conscientious politician.

for  
to  
at

3. We have to find a substitute ..... it.

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for  
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4. We should deem it as an attack  
..... our right to privacy.

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on  
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5. In many cities the cost ..... living is  
pretty high.

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6. We would like to see a big increase  
..... productivity.

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7. I have no interest ..... politics.

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8. I have no faith ..... her capabilities.

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on

9. I have heard that the government is planning to raise the tax ..... automobiles.

on  
for  
with

10. I admire their way ..... doing things.

for  
of  
with

## Answers

1. We had little hope of success; nonetheless, we decided to perform the operation.
2. The cash-for-vote scandal did a lot of harm to his reputation as a conscientious politician.
3. We have to find a substitute for it.

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4. We should deem it as an attack on our right to privacy.
5. In many cities the cost of living is pretty high.
6. We would like to see a big increase in productivity.
7. I have no interest in politics.
8. I have no faith in her capabilities.
9. I have heard that the government is planning to raise the tax on automobiles.
10. I admire their way of doing things.