

## 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.

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about

of

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

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3. We have to find a substitute .....  
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4. We should deem it as an attack  
..... our right to privacy.

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5. In many cities the cost ..... living is  
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8. I have no faith ..... her capabilities.

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

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

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### **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.
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.