

## Common word combinations

It is not always easy to know which preposition to use after a particular noun, verb or adjective. Here are some of the most common combinations.

Accuse somebody of something

*She accused me of breaking the flower-vase.*

Afraid of

*I am afraid of the dark.*

Agree with a person, opinion or policy

*I couldn't agree with him.*

*Fatty foods don't agree with me.*

*He left the firm because he couldn't agree with their marketing policy.*

Agree about a subject of discussion

*We agree about most things.*

Agree on a matter for decision.

*We still haven't agreed on a date.*

Agree to a suggestion

*I will agree to your suggestion if you lower the price.*

Angry with / at a person for doing something

*She was angry with / at me for using her car without her permission.*

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Angry about something / angry at something

*What are you so angry about?*

Anxious about (= worried about)

*I am getting anxious about your safety.*

Anxious for (= eager to have)

*We are anxious for an end to this misunderstanding.*

Anxious to (= eager, wanting)

*She is anxious to leave. (= She is eager to leave.)*

Apologize to somebody for something

*We must apologize to him.*

*I must apologize for interrupting you.*

Arrive at / in

*What time does the plane arrive at New York?*

*When did you arrive in Canada?*

Divide into

He divided the cake into eight parts.

Dream of (= think of, imagine)

*He always dreams of becoming a famous writer.*

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Dressed in

*She came dressed in white.*

Drive into

*Susie drove into a tree again yesterday.*

Enter into an agreement, a discussion etc.

*We have just entered into an agreement with them.*

Enter is used without a preposition when it means 'enter a place'.

*The conversation stopped as we entered the temple.*

Explain something to somebody

*Could you please explain this to me?*

Fight with / struggle with / quarrel with / argue with

*Their children are very badly brought up – they are constantly fighting with each other.*