

Expressions without prepositions

Some common expressions are used without prepositions.

Verbs without prepositions

Some verbs are normally followed by direct objects without prepositions. Examples are: enter, discuss, marry, lack, resemble, approach etc.

We entered the compound. (NOT We entered into the compound.)

Let's discuss your plans. (NOT Let's discuss about your plans.)

She lacks tact. (NOT She lacks in tact.)

The baby resembles its mother. (NOT The baby resembles to its mother.)

Expressions of time

A number of expressions of time beginning next, last, this, that, one, every, each, some and any are used without prepositions.

See you next Sunday. (NOT See you on next Sunday.)

I will never forget meeting him that evening. (NOT I will never forget meeting him in that evening.)

Buses leave every ten minutes. (NOT Buses leave in every ten minutes.)

In an informal style, prepositions can be dropped in infinitive structures.

I have no money to buy food. OR I have no money to buy food with.

I have no place to go. OR I have no place to go to.

We need a house to live. OR We need a house to live in.

Prepositions are also dropped before what time.

What time does the train arrive? (More natural than 'At what time does the train arrive?')