

Sentence correction: prepositions

Correct the following sentences.

Incorrect: He married with an Indian woman.

Correct: He married an Indian woman.

Incorrect: He accompanied with his friends.

Correct: He accompanied his friends.

Incorrect: We discussed on the matter.

Correct: We discussed the matter.

Incorrect: I pitied on him.

Correct: I pitied him.

Incorrect: He is clever, but he lacks of experience.

Correct: He is clever, but lacks experience.

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

Incorrect: This is a comfortable house to live.

Correct: This is a comfortable house to live in.

Incorrect: This is the road to go.

Correct: This is the road to go by.

Incorrect: He gave me a gun to shoot.

Correct: He gave me a gun to shoot with.

Incorrect: He gave me a chair to sit.

Correct: He gave me a chair to sit on.

Some infinitive complements take prepositions with them.

She needs other children to play with. (NOT She needs other children to play.)

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Incorrect: He asked a holiday.

Correct: He asked for a holiday.

Incorrect: Don't ask me money.

Correct: Don't ask me for money.

We use ask for to ask somebody to give something.

Ask without for is used to ask somebody to tell something.

Ask him his name. (NOT Ask him for his name.)

Ask for the menu. (NOT Ask the menu.)