

COMMON IDIOMATIC USES OF PREPOSITIONS WITH EXAMPLES

a: Prepositions after verbs.

1. accuse **of** - He was accused of murder. (κατηγορώ)
2. accustom **to** - Peter is accustomed to wearing fine clothes. (ευννηθίζω)
3. acquitted **of** - The judge acquitted him of theft. (απαλλάσσω, αθώνω)
4. adjust **to** - I think I have finally adjusted myself to my new surrounding. (προσαρμόζω)
5. agree **with** - I don't agree with you on this matter. (συμφωνώ)
6. apologize **for** - She apologized for her error. (ζητώ συγνώμη)
7. apologize **to** - I apologized to him. (ζητώ συγνώμη από κάποιον)
His mother made him apologize to his sister for his rudeness.
8. arrive **at** - We arrived at our destination on time. (φτάνω)
9. arrive **in** - My brother had arrived in Athens before I did. (φτάνω - στα πόλεις)
10. believe **in** - Do you believe in astrology? (πιστεύω)
11. belong **to** - This book belongs to me. (ανήκω)
12. boast **of** (or **about**) - A wise man does not boast of his knowledge. (καυχιέμαι)
13. break **out** - I left Europe when World war II broke out in 1939. (ξεσπά)
14. concentrate **on** - While you are studying, you should concentrate on what you are doing. (ευχκεντρώνομαι)
15. congratulate **on** - Let me congratulate you on your success. (ευχαίρω)
16. consist **of** - This novel consists of three hundred pages. (αποτελούμαι)
17. convicted **of** - The judge convicted him of theft. (καταδικάζω)
18. dedicate **to** - He had dedicated his life to helping the poor. (αφιερώνω)
19. depend **on** - My success doesn't depend on my teachers, but on me. (εξαρτώμαι)
20. deprive **of** - You are depriving yourself of a lot of fun if you don't go to the Zoo. (στέρω)
21. differ **from** - The African lion differs from the Indian. (διαφέρω)
22. direct **to** - Can you direct me to the Post Office? (κατευθύνω)
23. disagree **with** - I disagree with you on this matter. (διαφωνώ)
24. dismiss **from** - The chief clerk was dismissed from his position. (διώχνω, απολύω)
25. dispose **of** - He will dispose of all his property. (ξεφορτώνομαι)
26. end **in** - Their marriage ended in divorce. (καταλήγω)
27. escape **from** - The bird could not escape from the cage. (δραπετεύω)
28. exported **from** - Wheat is exported from India to England. (εξαγωγώ)
29. hope **for** - We all hope for a better life. (ελπίζω)
30. imported **into** - Sugar is imported into India from Java. (εισάγω)
31. insist **on** - The speaker did not insist on that point. (επιμένω)
The old woman insisted on remaining in her home.
32. interested **in** - I am interested in learning English. (ενδιαφέρομαι)
I am interested in you.
33. invite **to** - I have invited him to dinner. (προσκαλώ)
34. lie **on** - He was lying on the couch in the living room. (ξαπλώνω)

35. listen **to** - The manager listened patiently to my complaints. (ακούω)
36. look **at** - He looked at a magazine while he waited for his barber. (κοιτώ)
37. look **forward to** - Sammy was looking forward to his first date with enthusiasm. (περιμένω με ανυπομονησία)
38. made **up of** - The Scottish landscape is made up of mountains, lakes, and greenery. (αποτελείται)
39. meet **with** - My friend Bill has met with serious trouble lately. (παθαίνω)
40. object **to** - My father objects to my going to England. (φέρνω αντίρρηση)
41. participate **in** - Jim wouldn't participate in the other children's games. (συμμετέχω)
42. pretend **to** - A wise man does not pretend to know everything. (προσποιούμαι)
43. provide **with** - Their parents provide them with everything they need. (παρέχω)
44. rely **on** - Could you rely on that man's promise? (βασίζομαι)
45. remind **of** - Your story reminds me of another. (υπενθυμίζω)
46. smell **of** - Her clothes smelled of roses. (έχω το άρωμα)
47. smile **at** - The old lady smiled at me very kindly. (χαμογελώ)

She smiled at my explanation.

48. succeed **in** - I hope you will succeed in your new job. (πρωχαίνω)
They succeeded in doing what they had planned.
49. surprise **at** - We were surprised at his indifference. (εκπλήσσω)
50. sympathize **with** - I sympathize with you in your misfortune. (συμπάσχω)
51. think **of, about** - I am thinking of (about) going on a trip to Europe. (σκέφτομαι)
52. tired **of** - I am tired of doing the same thing. (κουραγμένος)

She got tired of listening to her husband's complain.

53. transfer **to** - He was transferred to another service. (μεταφέρω, μεταθέτω)
54. turn **out to be** - A historical "fact" frequently turns out to be a legend.
A child brought up in a poor environment may turn out to be a criminal. (καταλήγω)
55. vary **from** - The educational system in my country varies from that in the United States in several respects. (ποικίλλω)
56. wait **for** - We were waiting for a bus. (περιμένω)
I have been waiting for you for half an hour.
57. wrestle **with** - I have to wrestle with my difficulties. (ηγαλεύω)

b. Prepositions after nouns.

58. acquaintance **with** - I have no acquaintance with that man. (γνωριμία)
59. affection **for** - George has a great affection for his mother. (εστέρησι)
60. attention **to** - The child's mother did not pay attention to his behaviour.
He paid close attention to what I told him. (προσοχή)
61. complaint **against** - Have you any complaint against this boy? (παραίτησις)
62. connection **with** - Success has no connection with virtue. (σχέση)
63. confidence **in** - That boy does not have confidence in himself. (πίστις)
64. control **over** - The new teacher has great control over his class. (έλεγχος)
65. excuse **for** - You had no excuse for being absent. (δικαιολογία)
66. faith **in** - The patient has great faith in his doctor. (πίστις)

67. interest in - Have you any interest in music? (ενδιαφέρον για)
My interest in his welfare has not changed.
68. invitation to - He has sent me an invitation to dinner. (πρόσκληση σε)
69. objection to - Have you any objection to my going on a trip? (αντίρρηση σε)
70. patience with - You should have patience with children. (υπομονή με)
71. progress in - Has he made good progress in his studies? (πρόοδος σε)
72. reference to - He made no reference to you. (αναφορά σε)
73. solution to - Marriage is considered to be a solution to loneliness. (λύση σε)
74. taste for - He has no taste for books. (χούετο σε)
75. way to - Can you tell me the way to the Post Office? (δρόμος προς)

c. Prepositions after adjectives

76. accurate in - You are not quite accurate in your answer. (ακριβής σε)
77. angry with - I am very angry with that fellow. (θυμωμένος με)
78. appropriate to - The chairman made a speech appropriate to the occasion. (κατάλληλος για)
79. busy with - The clerk was busy with his work in the office. (απασχολημένος για)
80. different from - This car is different from that one. (διαφορετικός από)
81. essential to - Health is essential to happiness. (βασιικός για)
81. faithful to - Dogs are very faithful to their masters. (πιστός σε)
82. fond of - He is fond of music. (μου αρέσει)
83. free from - Drinking water should be free from germs. (χωρίς)
84. full of - Life is full of surprises. (γεμάτος)
85. guilty of - The judge found him guilty of the offence. (ένοχος)
86. hurtful to - Smoking is hurtful to the young. (επιβλαβής)
87. indifferent to - A strong man is indifferent to hardships. (αδιάφορος προς)
88. independent of - Most children want to be independent of their parents. (ανεξάρτητος)
89. jealous of - He is jealous of your success. (ζηλεύω)
90. necessary to - Fresh air is necessary to health. (απαραίτητος σε)
91. obedient to - Children should be obedient to their parents. (υπακούος σε)
92. preferable to - Milk is preferable to tea. (προτιμότερος από)
93. proud of - He is proud of his success. (πρηγανος για)
94. responsible for - An officer is responsible for the men under him. (υπεύθυνος για)
95. satisfactory for - The house was no longer satisfactory for our needs. (ικανοποιητικός)
96. satisfied with - He is not satisfied with the salary he gets.
I am not satisfied with your reading. (ικανοποιημένος)
97. short of - We were short of money. (χωρίς)
98. superior to - He is superior to me. (ανώτερος από)
99. sure of - Are you sure of passing the examination? (είσχυρος για)
100. unfamiliar with - A foreigner is usually unfamiliar with many of the customs of a country. (αχνω)