



Noun + for ...

a cheque **FOR** (a sum of money)

- They sent me a cheque for £150.

a demand / a need **FOR** ...

- The company closed down because there wasn't enough demand for its product.
- There's no excuse for behaviour like that. There's no need for it.

a reason **FOR** ...

- The train was late, but nobody knew the reason for the delay. (*not* reason of)

Noun + of ...

an advantage / a disadvantage **OF** ...

- The advantage of living alone is that you can do what you like.

but there is an advantage in (or to) doing something

- There are many advantages in living alone. (*or ... to living alone*)

a cause **OF** ...

- The cause of the explosion is unknown.

a photograph / a picture / a map / a plan / a drawing (etc.) **OF** ...

- Rachel showed me some photographs of her family.
- I had a map of the town, so I was able to find my way around.

Noun + in ...

an **increase** / a **decrease** / a **rise** / a **fall IN** (prices etc.)

- There has been an **increase in** the number of road accidents recently.
- Last year was a bad one for the company. There was a big **fall in** sales.

Noun + to ...

damage TO ...

- The accident was my fault, so I had to pay for the **damage to** the other car.

an **invitation TO ...** (a party / a wedding etc.)

- Did you get an **invitation to** the party?

a **solution TO** (a problem) / a **key TO** (a door) / an **answer TO** (a question) / a **reply TO** (a letter) / a **reaction TO ...**

- I hope we'll find a **solution to** the problem. (*not* a solution of the problem)
- I was surprised at her **reaction to** my suggestion.

an **attitude TO ...** (*or TOWARDS ...*)

- His **attitude to** his job is very negative. *or* His **attitude towards** his job ...

Noun + with ... / between ...

a **relationship** / a **connection** / **contact WITH ...**

- Do you have a good **relationship with** your parents?
- The police want to question a man in **connection with** the robbery.

but a **relationship** / a **connection** / **contact** / a **difference BETWEEN** two things or people

- The police believe that there is no **connection between** the two crimes.
- There are some **differences between** British and American English.

Task 1

Choose the correct variant:

1. He gave her a check _____ a lot of money.

- for
- in
- of
- to
- with

2. The reason _____ this meeting is to discuss the merger.

- for
- in
- of
- to
- with

3. The decrease _____ profits is due to the bad market.

for

in

of

to

with

4. There is a real demand _____ new products.

for

in

of

to

with

5. We have seen a fall _____ prices recently.

for

in

of

to

with

6. The cause _____ his problems is his family.

for

in

of

to

with

7. Did you do any damage _____ the house?

for

in

of

to

with

8. I think your attitude _____ your sister is very bad indeed.

for

in

of

to

towards

9. The difference _____ the two is very slight.

for

in

between

to

with

10. He took a photograph _____ his girlfriend.

for

in

of

to

with

11. Do you have a good relationship _____ most of your relatives?

for

in

of

to

with

12. She wasn't aware _____ his reaction to the problem.

for

in

of

to

with

13. Did you send Alice an invitation _____ the party?

for

in

of

to

with

14. The connection _____ the two victims was minimal.

for

in

of

to

between

15. The advantage _____ having free time is that you can do anything you want with it.

for

in

of

to

with

16. He made a mistake _____ thinking that Alice was someone he could easily fool.

for

in

of

to

with

Task 2

Choose the correct variant:

1. We had little hope ... success; nonetheless, we decided to perform the operation.

for

about

of

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

for

to

at

3. We have to find a substitute ... it.

to

for

at

4. We should deem it as an attack ... our right to privacy.

with

on

at

5. In many cities the cost ... living is pretty high.

to

for

of

6. We would like to see a big increase ... productivity.

with

in

on

7. I have no interest ... politics.

for

at

in

8. I have no faith ... her capabilities.

at

in

on

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

on

for

with

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

for

of

with

Task 3

Choose the correct variant:

1. I really need a BREAK ___ drinking alcohol!

of

from

at

2. Her skin has a really bad REACTION ___ the sun.

with

to

at

3. There has been a huge RISE ___ food prices recently.

at

with

in

4. I think I have an ADDICTION ___ chocolate.

with

to

about

5. I have huge RESPECT ___ my teachers at school, now I know how hard it can be!

with

in

for

6. I went on a date on Tuesday and I felt a real CONNECTION ___ him.

with

at

about

7. I had no CONTROL ___ the England team losing that game!

over

for

about

8. There was a huge SEARCH ___ my missing camera, but nobody found it.

with

for

at

9. She caused huge DAMAGE ____ his car when she crashed into it.

about

for

to

10. I didn't think there was any REASON ____ him to shout at me.

for

to

between

Task 4

! Complete the sentences with the correct preposition.

- 1 There are some differences between British and American English.
- 2 Money isn't the solution every problem.
- 3 There has been an increase the amount of traffic using this road.
- 4 When I opened the envelope, I was delighted to find a cheque £500.
- 5 The advantage having a car is that you don't have to rely on public transport.
- 6 There are many advantages being able to speak a foreign language.
- 7 Everything can be explained. There's a reason everything.
- 8 When Paul left home, his attitude his parents seemed to change.
- 9 Ben and I used to be good friends, but I don't have much contact him now.
- 10 There has been a sharp rise property prices in the past few years.
- 11 What was Emma's reaction the news?
- 12 If I give you the camera, can you take a photograph me?
- 13 The company has rejected the workers' demands a rise pay.
- 14 What was the answer question 3 in the test?
- 15 The fact that Jane was offered a job has no connection the fact that she is a friend of the managing director.