

# FEELINGS

Right now I feel \_\_\_\_\_!



We do not use to with these verbs:

**phone / telephone / call somebody**

- Did you **phone your father** yesterday? (*not phone to your father*)

**answer somebody/something**

- He refused to **answer my question**. (*not answer to my question*)

**ask somebody**

- Can I **ask you** a question? (*not ask to you*)

**thank somebody (for something)**

- He **thanked me** for helping him. (*not He thanked to me*)

Some verbs can be followed by **at** or **to**, with a difference of meaning. For example:

**shout AT** somebody (when you are angry)

- He got very angry and started **shouting at** me.

**shout TO** somebody (so that they can hear you)

- He **shouted to** me from the other side of the street.

**throw something AT** somebody/something (in order to hit them)

- Somebody **threw** an egg **at** the minister.

**throw something TO** somebody (for somebody to catch)

- Lisa shouted 'Catch!' and **threw** the keys **to** me from the window.

**remind somebody ABOUT ...** = *tell somebody not to forget*

- I'm glad you **reminded** me **about** the meeting. I'd completely forgotten about it.

**remind somebody OF ...** = *cause somebody to remember*

- This house **reminds** me **of** the one I lived in when I was a child.
- Look at this photograph of Richard. Who does he **remind** you **of**?

**complain (TO somebody) ABOUT ...** = *say that you are not satisfied*

- We **complained to** the manager of the restaurant **about** the food.

**complain OF** a pain, an illness etc. = *say that you have a pain etc.*

- We called the doctor because George was **complaining of** a pain in his stomach.

**warn somebody ABOUT** a person or thing which is bad, dangerous, unusual etc.

- I knew he was a strange person. I had been **warned about** him. (*not* warned of him)
- Vicky **warned me** about the traffic. She said it would be bad.

**warn somebody ABOUT/OF** a danger, something bad which might happen later

- Scientists have **warned us about/of** the effects of global warming.

**dream ABOUT ...** (when you are asleep)

- I **dreamt about** you last night.

**dream OF/ABOUT** being something / doing something = *imagine*

- Do you **dream of/about** being rich and famous?

(I) **wouldn't dream OF** doing something = *I would never do it*

- 'Don't tell anyone what I said.' 'No, I **wouldn't dream of it.**' (= I would never do it)

**hear ABOUT ...** = *be told about something*

- Did you **hear about** what happened at the club on Saturday night?

**hear OF ...** = *know that somebody/something exists*

- 'Who is Tom Hart?' 'I have no idea. I've never **heard of him.**' (*not heard from him*)

**hear FROM ...** = *receive a letter, phone call or message from somebody*

- 'Have you **heard from** Jane recently?' 'Yes, she **phoned** a few days ago.'

**think ABOUT ...** and **think OF ...**

When you **think ABOUT** something, you consider it, you concentrate your mind on it:

- I've **thought about** what you said and I've decided to take your advice.
- 'Will you lend me the money?' 'I'll **think about** it.'

When you **think OF** something, the idea comes to your mind:

- He told me his name, but I can't **think of** it now. (*not think about it*)
- That's a good idea. Why didn't I **think of** that? (*not think about that*)

We also use **think of** when we ask or give an opinion:

- 'What did you **think of** the film?' 'I didn't **think much of** it.' (= I didn't like it much)

The difference is sometimes very small and you can use **of** or **about**:

- When I'm alone, I often **think of** (*or about*) you.

You can say **think of** or **think about** doing something (for possible future actions):

- My sister is **thinking of** (*or about*) going to Canada. (= she is considering it)

**Care about, care for and take care of**

**care ABOUT** somebody/something = *think that somebody/something is important*

- He's very selfish. He doesn't **care about** other people.

We say '**care what/where/how ...**' etc. (*without about*)

- You can do what you like. I don't **care what** you do.

**care FOR** somebody/something

(1) = *like something* (usually in questions and negative sentences)

- Would you **care for** a cup of coffee? (= Would you like ... ?)
- I don't **care for** very hot weather. (= I don't like ...)

(2) = *look after somebody*

- Alan is 85 and lives alone. He needs somebody to **care for** him.

**take care OF ...** = *look after*

- Have a nice holiday. **Take care of** yourself! (= look after yourself)

## Task 1

Choose the correct variant:

1. Do you believe ... ghosts?

in

on

about

2. She spent years caring ... her sick husband.

about

for

of

3. This spray will protect you ... most insects.

of

from

with

4. He has yet to recover ... his illness.

of

from

with

off

5. He won the national bravery award for saving his friend ... drowning.

from

of

at

6. He worked hard to succeed ... life.

at

in

on

7. I don't approve ... your conduct, young man.

with

of

off

about

8. He suffers ... asthma.

of

from

with

9. That shampoo smells ... jasmine.

about

of

off

10. Please don't make a noise. I want to concentrate ... my studies.

of

on

from

11. My husband and I can't agree ... anything but we love each other.

on

with

about

12. Please refer ... the glossary for more information.

at

with

to

## Task 2

Put the correct preposition into the gaps:

1. She accused me ... telling lies.

2. You can always borrow a dictionary ... the library.

3. Do you believe ... ghosts?

4. The history teacher asked us to comment ... the events taking place in Afghanistan.

5. I am accustomed ... having a lot of money.

6. When the guests arrived ... my house they gave me a bottle of wine.

7. Some people stupidly believe that we are in school to prepare ... our future jobs.

8. The old woman suffered ... lumbago.

9. Oh, you are so right! I agree ... you completely!

10. She is very dependable. I always know I can count ... her absolutely.
11. I want to congratulate you ... your success.
12. You won't always be able to rely ... your parents.
13. When you are a mountain guide, you sometimes have to wait a long time ... the tourists.
14. My banker told me not to draw all the money ... of my bank account.
15. I must insist ... your learning these verbs!
16. Are you accusing me ... being too strict?
17. How does the man account ... having all that money in his pocket?
18. The workmen would like to speak ... the manager.
19. The visitors objected ... the horrible rooms.
20. I always try to agree ... my twin sister, because it makes her angry if I don't.
21. I just couldn't agree ... his plan, it was much too dangerous!
22. Young people today can communicate ... each other using a lot of different machines.
23. It was your fault! Don't try to blame me ... the accident!!
24. The head teacher threatened me ... expulsion if I didn't behave better.
25. Don't forget to thank your parents ... putting up with you all these years!

### Task 3

Choose the correct preposition:

- 1 He's a good friend and very helpful – you can always rely  him.
- 2 Accommodation was so expensive in Switzerland. I spent all my money  hotels.
- 3 You can confide  me if you have a personal problem you need to discuss.
- 4 He's always boasting  how good a guitarist he is.
- 5 My boss has just resigned. I don't think he could cope  the pressure.
- 6 The online game is aimed  teenagers and young adults.
- 7 My wife has passed her driving test and has applied  her license.
- 8 My grandfather suffered  arthritis.
- 9 Do you believe  life after death?
- 10 I liked English at school, but I was terrible  French.

11 The careers officer will provide you  all the relevant information about the job.

12 I always turn  my father for advice. He's like a wise owl.

#### Task 4

Put the correct preposition into the gaps:

to, for, of, from, about, with, on, -

1. I need you to explain ... Peter the updated process.
2. I'm waiting ... your answer.
3. We're keeping ... the money until next week.
4. I thought ... you when I heard that song.
5. They are thinking ... going to Rome at Easter.
6. Don't worry ... it. It'll go according to plan.
7. Have you heard ... your mother recently?
8. Have you heard the news ... the merger?
9. It's a bad situation, we really should do something ... it. (to resolve something)
10. We've paid for it, so we should do something ... it. (to use something)
11. Everybody blamed me ... the accident.
12. Everybody blamed the accident ... me.
13. They will provide us ... all the necessary documents at the service desk.
14. We need to arrange ... the meeting soon.
15. I don't trust ... him at all!