

34 Actions and consequences

Unlike many parts of speech, prepositions often have little meaning in themselves, but work to change the meaning of the words around them.

 **New language** Dependent prepositions

 **Aa Vocabulary** Actions and consequences

 **New skill** Changing sentence stress

34.1 KEY LANGUAGE DEPENDENT PREPOSITIONS

Some words need to go with specific "dependent" prepositions.

I am late for my meeting!



"Late" could not be paired with any other preposition in this context.

We agreed about the idea.



He's really afraid of flying.



There was an increase in sales.



Aa 34.2 FILL IN THE GAPS USING THE DEPENDENT PREPOSITION PHRASES IN THE PANEL

Recently, there has been a *lack of* energy in the team.

decline in

talk about

arguing about

grateful for

~~lack of~~

knows about

heard of

points in

ask for

effect of

- 1 Please make sure you help if you need it.
- 2 Who is giving the lecture? I have never him.
- 3 My brother and I are always current affairs.
- 4 The global natural resources is worrying.
- 5 Thank you so much! I am so all you have done.
- 6 When you're stressed, it is good to problems.
- 7 The the economic crisis is enormous.
- 8 Most of the population climate change.
- 9 All of the scientific evidence one direction.



34.3 FILL IN THE GAPS WITH THE CORRECT PREPOSITIONS

Have you ever **heard** of Esperanto?

- 1 Why do they always **argue** over everything?
- 2 There was a **decline** in the number of birds.
- 3 There's a lot to be **grateful** for.
- 4 This demonstrates a real **lack** of talent.

5 How do I **ask** for directions in Greek?

- 6 I don't think we'll ever **agree** on this.
- 7 I really don't want to be **late** for work.
- 8 My mother is very **afraid** of heights.
- 9 What is the long-term **effect** of this?



34.4 KEY LANGUAGE WORDS WITH MORE THAN ONE DEPENDENT PREPOSITION

Some words can pair with more than one preposition. The change in preposition often changes the meaning of the phrase.



He talked to the teacher.

[He had a conversation with the teacher.]



He talked about the teacher.

[He had a conversation with someone else about the teacher.]



34.5 LISTEN TO THE AUDIO AND CROSS OUT THE INCORRECT PREPOSITIONS

Technology is a great way to increase **interest in** / **interest with** the environment.

- 1 I'm so **bored with** / **bored about** their constant fighting about policies.
- 2 They've **made** a new app **for** / **of** children to learn about the Earth.
- 3 Do you have any **objection to** / **objection for** this environmental policy?
- 4 I often **worry to** / **worry about** the future of our planet.
- 5 You need to **apologize to** / **apologize for** them **to** / **for** the things you said.
- 6 Do you think a policy like this is **suitable with** / **suitable for** a country like ours?



34.6 PRONUNCIATION SENTENCE STRESS

You can change the meaning of a sentence by emphasizing different words as you say it.

The journalist called the mayor today.

[Her assistant didn't make the call.]

The journalist called the mayor today.

[She didn't email.]

The journalist called the mayor today.

[She didn't call the mayor's secretary.]

The journalist called the mayor today.

[She didn't call yesterday.]



34.7 UNDERLINE THE WORDS YOU NEED TO STRESS AND SAY EACH SENTENCE OUT LOUD

The minister changed the policy content this afternoon.

[Not just the policy title.]



1

What do you think of the new statistics in this report?

[I know what everyone else thinks.]



2

These carbon emissions are extremely harmful to the environment.

[I know you think they aren't.]



3

It is very important that we think of our children's futures.

[Not just their present state.]



4

We need to find solutions sooner rather than later.

[It is not optional.]



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34.8 READ THE TEXT, THEN FILL IN THE GAPS USING THE WORDS IN THE PANEL

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ENVIRONMENT NEWS WEEKLY

GROWTH AND DECAY

The complex effects of urbanization in a rapidly changing world

Urbanization (the population shift from rural areas to towns and cities) has been happening for centuries. However, the rate and extent of population shift has reached astonishing levels. Some Asian cities, such as Osaka, Jakarta, Mumbai, Seoul, and Beijing, already have populations of more than 20 million people.



What are the environmental consequences of urbanization on such a massive scale? One major effect of urbanization is the creation of "urban heat islands." Rural areas can remain cooler

the sun evaporating the moisture from the vegetation and the soil. However, in the cities there is much less soil and vegetation. , the sun beating on the buildings and roads to an increase in temperatures. Additional heat from vehicles, factories, and cooling units also increases temperatures. This heat then changes in local weather patterns.

Not only is there increased air pollution, but also higher levels of rainfall, in flooding within the cities themselves and also downstream. Another of urbanization is the increased consumption of food, energy, and durable goods. This has a far-reaching on levels of natural resources.

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