

# Noun + Preposition Combinations

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## FOR

- **a check for (an amount of money)**  
He gave me a check for \$100
- **a demand for**  
There's a huge demand for affordable housing.
- **a need for**  
This country has a real need for trustworthy leaders.
- **a reason for**  
There's no reason for such bad behavior.
- **credit for**  
I have to give her credit for doing a great job.
- **a preference for**  
I have a preference for historical movies, but I'll watch pretty much anything.
- **a reputation for**  
He has a reputation for honesty and kindness.
- **respect/admiration for**  
I have enormous respect for firefighters.
- **a talent for**  
Some people have a real talent for singing.
- **room for**  
Is there room for a water bottle inside the backpack?

## IN

- **a rise in / an increase in**  
There's been a rise in global temperatures.
- **a fall in / a decrease in**  
There's been a fall in prices lately.
- **interest in**  
That book sparked my interest in politics.
- **a delay in**  
He was responsible for the delay in the preparations.

- **experience in**  
Do you have any experience in this area?

## OF

- **a cause of**  
Losing my job was the cause of all my problems.
- **a photograph/picture of something**  
We took quite a few pictures of the beach.
- **a process of**  
We're in the process of remodeling our house.
- **an advantage of / a disadvantage of**  
The advantage of taking the bus is that you don't have to worry about parking.
- **a habit of**  
I have the habit of eating ice cream while I watch TV.
- **no intention of**  
I have no intention of quitting my job anytime soon.
- **a lack of**  
We couldn't believe his lack of table manners.
- **a result of**  
She presented the results of her research.

## TO

- **damage to**  
The hurricane caused some damage to my house.
- **an addiction to**  
I think he has an addiction to video games.
- **dedication/devotion to**  
His life is guided by his devotion to religion.
- **a reaction to**  
They didn't show any reaction to the news.
- **access to**  
Only employees should have access to the files.
- **a response/reply to**

I couldn't hear his reply to the question.

- **a contribution to**

Thanks for your contribution to the project.

- **a threat to**

Pollution is a threat to the environment.

- **an exception to**

There are some exceptions to the grammar rules in English.

## Others:

- **anger at**

Your anger at him is perfectly justified.

- **an expert on/at/in**

She's an expert at fixing things.

- **an attack on**

The soldiers are planning an attack on the enemy base.

- **an effect on**

This medication might have an effect on your appetite.

- **a ban on**

There's a ban on genetically-modified foods.

- **a tax on**

The government wants to raise the tax on alcoholic beverages.

- **a speech on/about**

I'm going to give a speech on overcoming obstacles.

- **a difference between**

I don't see much of a difference between those two shades of blue.

- **protection from**

This helmet offers the best protection from injuries.

- **a break from**

I need a break from all this studying!

**Master the details of**  
**English grammar**

