

УПРАВЛЕНИЕ ГЛАГОЛОВ В АНГЛИЙСКОМ ЯЗЫКЕ

VERB+PREPOSITION



TO and AT

Verb + TO:

1. *talk / speak* **TO** somebody

Who was that man you were *talking to*?

I'd like to *speak to* her.

WITH is also possible but less usual.

– Do you know how he is doing?

– He is OK, I *spoke with* him yesterday.

2. *listen* **TO** somebody, something

We spent the evening *listening to* music.

I like to sit on the beach and *listen to* the sound of the sea.

3. *apologize* **TO** somebody (**FOR** something)

They *apologized to* me *for* what happened.

Your brother has to *apologize to* me *for* his words.

4. *explain* _ something **TO** somebody

Can you *explain* _ this word *to* me?

I *explained* _ my problem *to* her.

She *explained* _ her attitude towards this unpleasant experience *to* the office manager.

Explain / describe (**TO** somebody) _ what / how / why

I ***explained to*** them _ why I was worried.

Let me ***describe to*** you _ what I saw.

I need somebody to ***explain to*** me _ what I have to do.

5. *Happen* **TO**

- **someone** if something happens to you, an event or action takes place which affects you.

A strange thing ***happened to*** me a few days ago.

I haven't seen Mike for ages. I wonder what ***happened to*** him.

- **something** used for talking about the way that something changes or develops

What ***happened to*** that gold watch you used to have?

6. *Invite* _ somebody **TO** a party / a wedding etc.

They only *invited* a few people **to** their wedding.

We've been *invited to* the party, but unfortunately we can't go.

7. *Prefer* one thing / person **TO** another

Chris *prefers* basketball **to** football.

I *prefer* mineral water **to** other drinks.

We don't use TO with these verbs!

1. *Phone / call / email / text* _ somebody

I **called** _ the airline to cancel my flight.

My friend **texted** _ me to let me know she was going to be late.

BUT! Write (a letter) **TO** somebody

2. *Answer* _ somebody/something

He refused to **answer** _ my question.

It was a difficult question. I couldn't **answer** _ it.

BUT! Reply **TO** an email / a letter etc.

3. Ask _ somebody

Can I **ask** _ you a question?

She **asked** _ Jane about the news.

4. Thank _ somebody (**FOR** something).

He **thanked** _ me **FOR** helping him.

I **thanked** _ everybody **FOR** all the help they had given me.

Verb + AT:

1. *Look / stare / glance / have a look / take a look* **AT**

Why are you **looking at** me like that?

I'm not sure where we are. I'll have to **look at** the map.

Could I **have a look at** your magazine, please?

2. *Laugh* **AT** somebody, something

I look stupid with this haircut. Everybody will **laugh at** me.

What's so funny? What are you **laughing at**?

Nobody will **laugh at** you for trying.

3. *Aim / point* (something) **AT**

Don't ***point*** that knife ***at*** me.

Be careful with those scissors! Don't ***point*** them ***at*** me!

The talks are ***aiming at*** a compromise.

4. *Shoot / fire* (a gun) **AT**

We saw someone with a gun ***shooting at*** birds, but he didn't hit any.

The kids were ***shooting*** arrows ***at*** a target.

Verb + **AT** or **TO**

1. *Shout* **AT** somebody (when you are angry).

Дословно: *кричать на кого-то*

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

Please don't *shout at* me! Try to calm down.

Shout **TO** somebody (so that they can hear you).

Дословно: *кричать кому-то, окрикнуть кого-то*

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

I saw Sue as I was cycling along the road. I *shouted to* her, but she didn't hear me.

Verb + **AT** or **TO**

2. *Throw* something **AT** somebody/something (in order to hit them).

Дословно: **бросать в кого-то**

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

Don't **throw** the stones **at** the birds! It's cruel.

Throw something **TO** somebody (or somebody to catch).

Дословно: **бросать кому-то**

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

If you don't want that sandwich, **throw** it **to** the birds.
They'll eat it.

ABOUT / FOR / OF / AFTER

Verb + ABOUT

1. *Talk / read / know* **ABOUT** . . . , *tell* somebody **ABOUT**

We ***talked about*** a lot of things at the meeting.

I don't want to ***talk about*** what happened last night. Let's forget it.

2. *Have a discussion* **ABOUT** something

We had a ***discussion about*** what we should do.

BUT! *Discuss* _ something

We ***discussed*** _ a lot of things at the meeting.

3. Do something **ABOUT** something (= do something to improve a bad situation)

Дословно: *сделать что-нибудь с этим*

If you're worried about the problem, you should **do** something **about** it.

If something is wrong, why don't you **do** something **about** it?

Verb + **FOR**

1. Ask (somebody) **FOR**

I sent an email to the company *asking* them *for* more information about the job.

BUT! We can say “I asked him the way...”, “She asked me my name”

Ask is a verb meaning ‘put a question or seek an answer from someone’:

Can I ask you a question?

He asked me what age I was.

If you **ask for** something, it means that you want someone to give you something:

I always ask for extra tomato sauce on my pizza.

They asked their boss for more money, but he refused.

2. *Apply* (**TO** a person, a company etc.) **FOR** a job etc.

I think you'd be good at this job. Why don't you *apply for* it?

I've *applied for* a job at the factory. I don't know if I'll get it.

3. Wait **FOR**

Don't *wait for* me. I'll join you later.

I'm not going out yet. I'm *waiting for* the rain to stop.

4. *Search* (a person / a place / a bag etc.) **FOR**

I've ***searched*** the house ***for*** my keys, but I still can't find them.

I've ***searched*** everywhere ***for*** Joe, but I haven't been able to find him.

5. *Leave* (a place) **FOR** another place.

I haven't seen her since she ***left*** (home) ***for*** the office this morning.

Ken and Sonia are in Rome right now, and tomorrow they ***leave for*** Venice.

Care about, care for, take care of

1. 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.

2. Care **FOR** somebody/something

(1) = *like something* (usually negative sentences)

I don't **care for** very hot weather. (I don't like very hot weather)

(2) = *look after somebody*

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

3. Take care **OF** = look after, keep safe, take responsibility for

Don't worry about me. I can **take care of** myself.

I'll **take care of** the travel arrangements. You don't need to do anything.

Who's going to **take care of** you when you are old?

She doesn't **care about** the exam. She doesn't care whether she passes or fails.

"Do you like this coat?" – "Not really. I don't **care for** the color".

Look **FOR** and Look **AFTER**

1. Look **FOR** = *search for, try to find*

I've lost my keys. Can you help me to **look for** them?

I'm **looking for** Liz. I need to ask her something. Have you seen her.

2. Look **AFTER** = *take care of, keep safe or in good condition*

Alan is 85 and lives alone. He needs somebody to **look after** him.

You can borrow this book, but you must promise to **look after** it.

Hear **ABOUT**, Hear **OF**, Hear **FROM**

1. Hear **ABOUT** = *be told about something*

Did you *hear about* the fire at the hotel yesterday?

2. Hear **OF** = *know that somebody/something exists*

“Who is Tom Hart?” – “I have no idea. I’ve never *heard of* him”.

3. Hear **FROM** = *be in contact with somebody*

“Have you *heard from* Jane recently?” – “Yes, she called me a few days ago”.

Think **ABOUT** or Think **OF**

1. Think **ABOUT** = you consider it, you concentrate your mind on it

Think **ABOUT** = *размышлять*

“Will you lent me the money?” – “I will *think about* it”.

I’ve *thought about* what you said and I’ve decided to take your advice.

2. Think **OF** = *something, the idea comes to your mind; when we ask or give an opinion*

Think **OF** = *думать, подумать*

It was my idea. I *thought of* it first.

“What did you *think of* the movie?” – “I didn’t *think of* it”.

Dream **ABOUT** or Dream **OF**

1. Dream **ABOUT** = *when you are asleep*

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

2. Dream **OF** or **ABOUT** being something / doing something
= *imagine*

Do you ***dream of*** (or ***about***) being rich and famous?

3. *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”.

Complain **ABOUT** or Complain **OF**

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

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

2. 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.

Remind **ABOUT** or Remind **OF**

1. *Remind* somebody **ABOUT** = *tell somebody not to forget*
I'm glad you **reminded** me **about** the meeting. I'd completely forgotten about it.

2. *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 of** you.

Warn **ABOUT** or Warn **OF**

1. *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.

Vicky *warned* me *about* the traffic. She said it would be bad.

2. *Warn* somebody **ABOUT** or **OF** a danger, something bad which might happen later.

Scientists have *warned* us *about* (or *of*) the effects of climate change.

OF / FOR / FROM / ON

Verb + OF

1. *Accuse / suspect* somebody **OF**

Sue ***accused*** me ***of*** being selfish.

Some students were ***suspected of*** cheating in the exam.

2. *Approve / disapprove* **OF**

His parents don't ***approve of*** what he does, but they can't stop him.

The government isn't popular. Most people ***disapprove of*** what they're doing.

3. *Die* **OF** or **FROM** illness etc.

“What did he *die of*?” – “A heart attack”.

Some people are *dying of* hunger, while others eat too much.

4. *Consist* **OF**

We had an enormous meal. It *consisted of* seven courses.

The apartment *consists of* three rooms, a kitchen and bathroom.

Verb + **FOR**

1. *Pay* (somebody) **FOR**

I didn't have enough money to *pay for* the meal.

BUT! *Pay* _ a bill / a fee / tax / rent / a sum of money etc.
(*no preposition*)

I didn't have enough money to *pay* _ the rent.

2. *Thank / forgive* somebody **FOR**

I'll never *forgive* them *for* what they did.

3. *Apologize* (**TO** somebody) **FOR**

When I realized I was wrong, I *apologized* (*to* them) *for* my mistake.

4. *Blame* somebody / something **FOR** . . . , somebody *is to blame FOR*

Дословно: **винить кого-то за что-то**

Everybody ***blamed*** me ***for*** the accident.

Everybody said that I was to ***blame for*** the accident.

Blame (a problem etc.) **ON**

Дословно: **возлагать вину на кого-то**

The accident wasn't my fault. Don't ***blame*** it ***on*** me.

When something goes wrong, you always ***blame*** it ***on*** other people.

Verb + FROM

1. *Suffer* **FROM** an illness etc.

There's been an increase in the number of people *suffering from* heart disease.

Alex *suffers from* back pain. He spends too much time working at his desk.

2. *Protect* somebody / something **FROM**

Sun block *protects* the skin *from* the sun.

They wore warm clothes to *protect* themselves *from* the cold.

Verb + ON

1. Depend / rely ON

“What time will you be home?” – “I don’t know. It **depends on** the traffic”.

You can **rely on** Anna. She always keeps her promises.

BUT! You can use *depend* + *when/where/how* etc. **with** or **without** ON:

“Are you going to buy it?” – “It **depends** _ how much it is”.

2. Live ON money / food

Michael’s salary is very low. It isn’t enough to **live on**.

Things are cheap there. You can **live on** very little money.

3. *Congratulate / compliment* somebody **ON**

I ***congratulated*** her ***on*** doing so well in her exams.

The meal was really good. I ***complimented*** Mark ***on*** his cooking skills.

IN / INTO / WITH / TO

Verb + IN

1. Believe **IN**

Do you **believe in** God? (= *Do you believe that God exists?*)

I **believe in** saying what I think. (= *I believe it is right to say what I think*)

BUT! Believe _ something (= *believe it is true*), believe _ somebody (= *believe they are telling the truth*)

The story can't be true. I don't **believe** _ it.

I was amazed when Joe walked into the room. I couldn't **believe** _ it.

2. *Specialize* **IN**

Helen is a lawyer. She ***specializes in*** company law.

Patrick is a photographer. He ***specializes in*** sports photography.

3. *Succeed* **IN**

I hope you ***succeed in*** finding the job you want.

I hope you ***succeed in*** getting what you want.

Verb + INTO

1. Break INTO

Break into = **взламывать**

Our house was **broken into** a few days ago, but nothing was stolen.

Somebody **broke into** my car and stole the radio.

2. Crash / drive / bump / run INTO

He lost control of the car and **crashed into** a wall.

I was driving along when the car in front stopped suddenly.

I couldn't stop in time and **drove into** the back of it.

3. *Divide / cut / split* something **INTO** two or more parts

The book is ***divided into*** three parts.

The teacher decided to ***split*** the class ***into*** four groups.

The city is ***divided into*** 10 districts.

4. *Translate* a book etc. **FROM** one language **INTO** another

She's a famous writer. Her books have been ***translated into*** many languages.

Some words are difficult to ***translate from*** one language ***into*** another.

Verb + **WITH**

1. Collide **WITH**

Collide with = *сталкиваться с*

There was an accident this morning. A bus ***collided with*** a car.

As I was coming out of the room, I ***collided with*** somebody who was coming in.

2. Fill something **WITH** (**BUT!** full **OF**)

Take this saucepan and ***fill*** it ***with*** water.

3. Provide / supply somebody **WITH**

The school ***provides*** all its students ***with*** books.

Verb + ON

1. *Concentrate* ON

I tried to ***concentrate on*** my work, but I kept thinking about other things.

2. *Insist* ON

Insist on = ***настаивать на***

I wanted to go alone, but some friends of mine ***insisted on*** coming with me.

3. *Spend* (money) ON

How much do you ***spend on*** food each week?