

listen to ... look at ... etc. (verb + preposition)

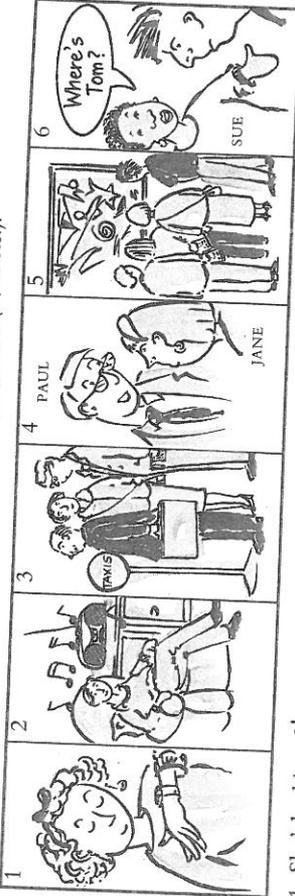
- A**
- ask (somebody) for ...
 - belong to ...
 - happen to ...
 - listen to ...
 - speak/talk to somebody about something
 - thank somebody for ...
 - think about ... or think of ...
 - wait for ...
 - write to somebody
 - but (tele)phone somebody (no preposition)
- A man stopped me and asked me for money.
 - Does this book belong to you? (= Is this your book?)
 - I can't find my pen. What's happened to it?
 - Listen to this music. It's beautiful.
 - Did you talk to Paul about the problem? (on the phone) Can I speak to Chris, please?
 - Thank you very much for your help.
 - He never thinks about (or of) other people.
 - Mark is thinking of (or about) buying a new car.
 - Don't go yet. Wait for me.
 - I never get letters. Nobody writes to me.
 - I must phone my parents. (not 'phone to my parents')

- B**
- look at / look for / look after
- look at ...
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- look for ... (= try to find)
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- look after ... (= take care of, keep safe)
- She's looking at her watch.
 - Look at these flowers! They're beautiful.
 - Why are you looking at me like that?
 - He's lost his key. He's looking for it.
 - I'm looking for Sarah. Have you seen her?
 - When Barbara is at work, a friend of hers looks after her children.
 - Don't lose this book. Look after it. (= Keep it safe.)

- C**
- depend
- We say depend on ...:
- A: Do you like eating in restaurants?
 - B: Sometimes. It depends on the restaurant. (not 'it depends of')
- You can say it depends what/where/how (etc.) with or without on:
- A: Do you want to come out with us?
 - B: It depends where you're going, or it depends on where ...
- For word order (It depends where you're going.), see Unit 48.

EXERCISES

106.1 Look at the pictures and complete the sentences with a preposition (to/for etc.).



- 1 She's looking **at** her watch.
- 2 He's listening **to** the radio.
- 3 They're waiting **for** a taxi.
- 4 Paul is talking **to** Jane.
- 5 They're looking **at** a picture.
- 6 Sue is looking **for** Tom.

106.2 Complete the sentences with a preposition (to/for/about etc.) if necessary.

- 1 Thank you very much **for** your help.
- 2 This is not my umbrella. It belongs **to** a friend of mine.
- 3 **(on the phone)** Can I speak **to** Mr Davis, please?
- 4 **(on the phone)** Thank you **for** phoning. Goodbye.
- 5 What happened **to** Mary last night? Why didn't she come to the party?
- 6 We're thinking **of** going to Australia next year.
- 7 We asked the waiter **for** coffee but he brought us tea.
- 8 'Do you like reading books?' 'It depends **on** the book.'
- 9 John was talking but nobody was listening **to** what he was saying.
- 10 We waited **for** Karen until 2 o'clock but she didn't come.
- 11 'Are you writing a letter?' 'Yes, I'm writing **to** Diane.'
- 12 Don't forget to phone **your** mother this evening.
- 13 He's alone all day. He never talks **to** anybody.
- 14 'How much does it cost to stay at this hotel?' 'It depends **on** the type of room.'
- 15 Catherine is thinking **of** changing her job.

106.3 Complete these sentences. Use **at/for/after**.

- 1 I looked **at** the newspaper but I didn't read it carefully.
- 2 When you are ill, you need somebody to look **after** you.
- 3 Excuse me, I'm looking **for** Hill Street. Can you tell me where it is?
- 4 Goodbye! Have a nice holiday and look **after** yourself.
- 5 I'm going to take a photograph of you. Please look **at** the camera and smile.
- 6 Barry is looking **for** a job. He wants to work in a hotel.

106.4 Answer these questions with **It depends ...**

- 1 Do you want to go out with us?
It depends where you're going.
- 2 Do you like eating in restaurants?
It depends on the restaurant.
- 3 Do you enjoy watching TV?
It depends
- 4 Can you do something for me?
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- 5 Are you going away this weekend?
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- 6 Can you lend me some money?
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