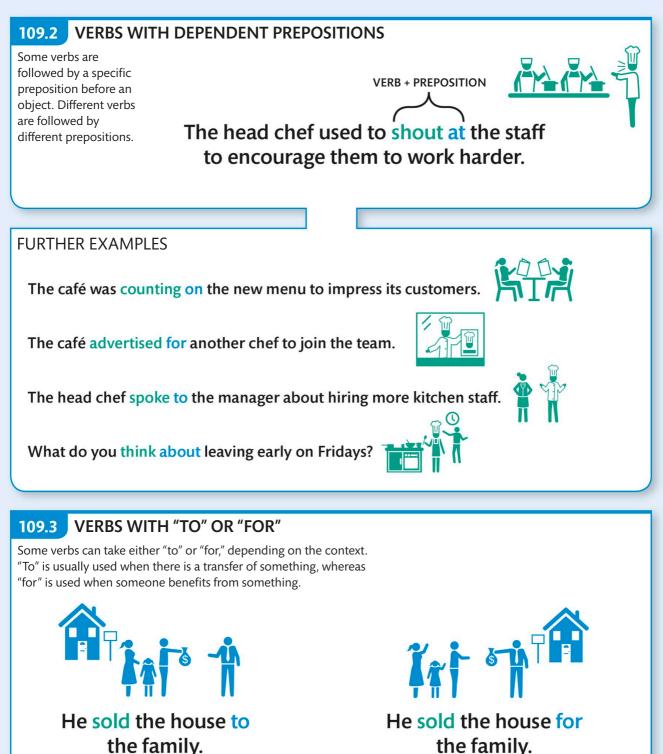
109 Dependent prepositions

Some words must be followed by a specific preposition, called a dependent preposition. These words can be adjectives, verbs, or nouns.

See also:

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[The family bought the house.]

[He sold the house on behalf of the family.]

NOUNS WITH DEPENDENT PREPOSITIONS 109.4 Some nouns are always followed by the same preposition when used in a sentence. NOUN + PREPOSITION I always keep a photograph of my family on my desk. Some nouns can take one of a choice of prepositions in the same sentence without changing their meaning. "Advantages" can be followed by either "in" or" to" without a change in meaning. There are advantages $\left\{ \begin{array}{c} In \\ to \end{array} \right\}$ moving away to study. FURTHER EXAMPLES It is important to have a positive The cause of traffic jams is attitude toward studying. often bad town planning. I've been working hard to find a solution to this problem. There has been a steady increase in students passing their exams. The demand for public buses Take your time planning a response to the essay question. increases every year.

