Noun + Preposition Combinations

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!

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