

## 11 Lexical Verbs and their extensions

**Practice Run 1** *With which preposition would the PP the following the verbs below be combined?*

about, against, for, from, in, of, on, to, with, etc.

agree	<b>with/to/on</b>	appeal	<b>to/against</b>	associate	<b>with</b>	believe	<b>in</b>
belong	<b>to</b>	bet	<b>on</b>	care	<b>about/for</b>	cling	<b>to/onto</b>
complain	<b>about/to</b>	dabble	<b>in</b>	emerge	<b>from</b>	feed	<b>on/off</b>
fight	<b>against/for</b>	flirt	<b>with</b>	hope	<b>for</b>	invest	<b>in</b>
lead	<b>to/from</b>	live	<b>on/with</b>	object	<b>to</b>	pay	<b>for/towards</b>
plot	<b>against</b>	qualify	<b>for</b>	rave	<b>about</b>	refer	<b>to</b>
result	<b>in</b>	smell	<b>of</b>	stem	<b>from</b>	stoop	<b>to</b>
suffer	<b>from</b>	think	<b>about/of</b>	wallow	<b>in</b>	work	<b>for/with/on...</b>

**Practice Run 2** *Complete the sentences below with the correct delexical verb + extension construction.*

- The government vowed to **take appropriate steps** to counteract the effects of the recession.
- The high court will **pass judgement** on the case in two days.
- From a whole range of subtle signs he **got the impression** that things were not going as he had hoped.
- The diva was well known for **throwing tantrums** so no one was surprised at her outburst.
- If you want to travel tomorrow I will **have a word** with the manager to make sure he **gets things going** tonight.
- She was quite angry and decided **to give** the neighbours **a piece of her mind** when she saw the next.
- The two realised that they needed each others' help so they **made a deal**.
- Rhet Butler expressed his view that he didn't **give a damn**.
- The judge was not keen on **setting a precedent** and dismissed the evidence of the prosecution.
- It was decided to **have a meeting** in order for all staff members to **share their views** on the new strategy.
- She loved with him but **played hard to get** to **make sure** he loved her as much as he said he did.

12. Having won this tournament, he now **holds the record** for the most consecutive wins without a defeat.

**Practice Run 3** *Fill in the missing particle or the missing verb.*

1. The bill is rather high, but this is because all the small items on it really **mount up**.
2. We were all very tired but there was no place to stay overnight so we had to **press on**.
3. They didn't want to **stay behind** at the hotel so they **tagged along** with us.
4. It looks like we can't get to the shops for a few days, so you had better **stock up** with enough food for all of us.
5. The stress of the past weeks proved too much for him and he just **fell apart**, crying uncontrollably for hours.
6. He can't map read to save his life. If he navigates and you drive, you'll never know where you might **end up**.
7. There are many great scenes but the film doesn't **hang together** as a convincing whole.
8. Mother had been **staying up** for hours waiting for their return and when the youngsters finally **rolled in** at three thirty in the morning, she was really angry.
9. She can be really difficult, but there are a few strategies for **getting along** with her quite pleasantly.
10. Despite fierce opposition from the other parties, the government decided to **forge ahead** with the reforms of the health services.
11. It was frustrating to see that after all the careful negotiations the deal **fell through** at the last minute.
12. The power company assumed that over time the protests against planned nuclear power plant would **fizzle out** but, on the contrary, they became more effective as time went on.
13. After five minutes of being unconscious, the boy **came round** and opened his eyes.
14. Dad was furious but after a while he **simmered down** and one could talk to him almost normally.
15. Having slept very badly the night before and after a hard day, she found she was **nodding off** all evening.