

Who are you waiting for

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Keep these words together

wait for a delivery • depend on your phone • deal with a problem
 think about a trip • apologise for a mistake • apply for a job

Learn the verb and preposition together. A question can end with the preposition: What are you waiting for? After a preposition, use a noun, a pronoun or an -ing form: I apologised for it. I apologised for being late.



Look and complete

Read left to right across the top row, then the bottom row. Add for, on, with or about. You can use a word more than once. Check with the teacher before the game.

1. She is waiting ___ a parcel.
2. He depends ___ his phone for directions.
3. The worker is dealing ___ a spill.
4. She is thinking ___ a holiday.
5. He is apologising ___ being late.
6. He is applying ___ a job.

What might each person say next? Choose one picture and act out two lines with a partner. You can interpret the pictures differently.

Guess and find out

Complete the gaps. Then use the questions to get to know a partner.

Choose: for · on · with · about. Check your answers before the game.

1. What small thing do you hate waiting ____? Why?
2. What do you depend ____ your phone for? What happens when the battery dies?
3. Who usually deals ____ unexpected problems at home? Give an example.
4. What are you thinking ____ doing next weekend? What might change your plan?
5. What small mistake should someone always apologise ____? Why?
6. What kind of job would you never apply ____? What would put you off?
7. When did you last wait ____ someone who was late? What did you do?
8. What does a good day at work or in class depend ____? What can spoil it?
9. How do you deal ____ a delivery that goes to the wrong address?
10. What do you think ____ when you cannot sleep? What helps?
11. Is it easy for you to apologise ____ being wrong? Give a real or invented example.
12. If you could apply ____ a free course, what would you choose? Why?

Play with a partner

1. **Guess.** Choose three questions. Write a short guess about your partner's answer to each. Keep your guesses hidden.
2. **Ask.** A asks one chosen question. B answers. A asks a follow-up, then shows the guess. Was it close?
3. **Swap.** B asks next. Continue until you have each asked three questions.
4. **Share.** Tell another pair one surprising thing your partner is happy for you to share.

Example A guesses: gardening.

A: What are you thinking about doing this weekend?

B: Painting the kitchen. **A:** Really? Which colour?

My guesses: question ____: _____ question ____: _____ question ____: _____

Use real or invented answers, or pass. Optional: one point for a close guess.