Verbs and prepositions

Verbs whose preposition changes the meaning

Una palabra distinta puede cambiar el significado. **Hear about** es recibir noticias de algo; **hear of** es saber que algo existe. Mira qué viene después.

Ejemplo resuelto / Worked example

I heard **about** the course from Ana, and I have heard **of** the school before. / Ana me habló del curso y yo ya conocía la escuela.

Complete each sentence with the preposition that matches its meaning.

01. ¿Qué te parece el plan? Aún podemos cambiarlo.
What do you think _____ the plan? We can still change it.

02. ¿Qué te parece la propuesta? Aún podemos cambiarlo.
What do you think _____ the proposal? We can still change it.

03. ¿Qué te parece la nueva norma? Aún podemos cambiarlo.
What do you think _____ the new rule? We can still change it.

04. ¿Qué te parece la fecha de entrega? Aún podemos cambiarlo.
What do you think _____ the deadline? We can still change it.

05. ¿Qué te parece la idea de compartir coche? Aún podemos cambiarlo.
What do you think _____ the idea of sharing a car? We can still change it.

06. ¿Has oído hablar de Maya Chen antes?
Have you heard _____ Maya Chen before?

07. ¿Has oído hablar de ese restaurante antes?
Have you heard _____ that restaurant before?

08. ¿Has oído hablar de la nueva biblioteca antes?
Have you heard _____ the new library before?

09. ¿Has oído hablar de este festival de invierno antes?
Have you heard _____ the winter festival before?

10. ¿Has oído hablar de ese grupo que ganó el premio antes?
Have you heard _____ the group that won the award before?

11. Mañana hablaré con mi jefa sobre el horario.
I will talk _____ my manager about the timetable tomorrow.

12. Mañana hablaré con el profesor sobre el horario.
I will talk _____ the teacher about the timetable tomorrow.

13. Mañana hablaré con la recepcionista sobre el horario.
I will talk _____ the receptionist about the timetable tomorrow.

14. Mañana hablaré con los organizadores sobre el horario.
I will talk _____ the organisers about the timetable tomorrow.

15. Mañana hablaré con la persona responsable sobre el horario.
I will talk _____ the person in charge about the timetable tomorrow.

16. Los vecinos hablaron sobre el ruido nocturno durante la reunión.
The neighbours talked _____ the noise at night during the meeting.

17. Los vecinos hablaron sobre el nuevo aparcamiento durante la reunión.
The neighbours talked _____ the new car park during the meeting.

18. Los vecinos hablaron sobre la reparación del ascensor durante la reunión.
The neighbours talked _____ the lift repair during the meeting.

19. Los vecinos hablaron sobre los cambios en la ruta del autobús durante la reunión.
The neighbours talked _____ the changes to the bus route during the meeting.

20. Los vecinos hablaron sobre la falta de iluminación durante la reunión.
The neighbours talked _____ the lack of lighting during the meeting.

Meaning and complement

Continue. Complete only the gap in English.

21. Por fin nos pusimos de acuerdo en una fecha.
At last we agreed _____ a date.

22. Por fin nos pusimos de acuerdo en el precio final.
At last we agreed _____ the final price.

23. Por fin nos pusimos de acuerdo en las normas de uso.
At last we agreed _____ the rules for use.

24. Por fin nos pusimos de acuerdo en el orden de las tareas.
At last we agreed _____ the order of the tasks.

25. Por fin nos pusimos de acuerdo en qué hacer con el equipo antiguo.
At last we agreed _____ what to do with the old equipment.

26. La propuesta se refiere a la segunda fase.
The proposal refers _____ the second stage.

27. La propuesta se refiere a ese edificio nuevo.
The proposal refers _____ the new building.

28. La propuesta se refiere a los cambios del contrato.
The proposal refers _____ the changes to the contract.

29. La propuesta se refiere a nuestro presupuesto anual.
The proposal refers _____ the annual budget.

30. La propuesta se refiere a la reunión del jueves.
The proposal refers _____ Thursday’s meeting.

31. Recibimos un mensaje de la oficina central esta mañana.
We received a message _____ head office this morning.

32. Recibimos un mensaje de nuestro conductor esta mañana.
We received a message _____ the driver this morning.

33. Recibimos un mensaje de nuestra agente de viajes esta mañana.
We received a message _____ our travel agent this morning.

34. Recibimos un mensaje de un número desconocido esta mañana.
We received a message _____ an unknown number this morning.

35. Recibimos un mensaje de un laboratorio esta mañana.
We received a message _____ the laboratory this morning.

36. No conozco personalmente a Leo, pero he oído hablar él.
I do not know Leo personally, but I have heard _____ him.

37. No conozco personalmente a Leo, pero he oído hablar su trabajo.
I do not know Leo personally, but I have heard _____ his work.

38. No conozco personalmente a Leo, pero he oído hablar la exposición.
I do not know Leo personally, but I have heard _____ the exhibition.

39. No conozco personalmente a Leo, pero he oído hablar la asociación.
I do not know Leo personally, but I have heard _____ the organisation.

40. No conozco personalmente a Leo, pero he oído hablar la aplicación que diseñó.
I do not know Leo personally, but I have heard _____ the app he designed.

Answer key

Complete sentences. The verb preposition is shown in bold; (no preposition) marks direct-object patterns.

01. What do you think **about** the plan? We can still change it.
02. What do you think **about** the proposal? We can still change it.
03. What do you think **about** the new rule? We can still change it.
04. What do you think **about** the deadline? We can still change it.
05. What do you think **about** the idea of sharing a car? We can still change it.
06. Have you heard **of** Maya Chen before?
07. Have you heard **of** that restaurant before?
08. Have you heard **of** the new library before?
09. Have you heard **of** the winter festival before?
10. Have you heard **of** the group that won the award before?
11. I will talk **to** my manager about the timetable tomorrow.
12. I will talk **to** the teacher about the timetable tomorrow.
13. I will talk **to** the receptionist about the timetable tomorrow.
14. I will talk **to** the organisers about the timetable tomorrow.
15. I will talk **to** the person in charge about the timetable tomorrow.
16. The neighbours talked **about** the noise at night during the meeting.
17. The neighbours talked **about** the new car park during the meeting.
18. The neighbours talked **about** the lift repair during the meeting.
19. The neighbours talked **about** the changes to the bus route during the meeting.
20. The neighbours talked **about** the lack of lighting during the meeting.
21. At last we agreed **on** a date.
22. At last we agreed **on** the final price.
23. At last we agreed **on** the rules for use.
24. At last we agreed **on** the order of the tasks.
25. At last we agreed **on** what to do with the old equipment.
26. The proposal refers **to** the second stage.
27. The proposal refers **to** the new building.
28. The proposal refers **to** the changes to the contract.
29. The proposal refers **to** the annual budget.
30. The proposal refers **to** Thursday’s meeting.
31. We received a message **from** head office this morning.
32. We received a message **from** the driver this morning.
33. We received a message **from** our travel agent this morning.
34. We received a message **from** an unknown number this morning.
35. We received a message **from** the laboratory this morning.
36. I do not know Leo personally, but I have heard **of** him.
37. I do not know Leo personally, but I have heard **of** his work.
38. I do not know Leo personally, but I have heard **of** the exhibition.
39. I do not know Leo personally, but I have heard **of** the organisation.
40. I do not know Leo personally, but I have heard **of** the app he designed.