Verbs and prepositions

Verbs that take a direct object

Después de algunos verbos no ponemos ninguna palabra extra: **discuss a problem** (hablar de un problema). En ese hueco escribe un guion: **-**.

Ejemplo resuelto / Worked example

We discussed **-** the timetable and entered **-** the room. / Hablamos del horario y entramos en la sala.

Complete each sentence. Write - if no preposition is needed.

01. Mañana debatiremos el resultado en clase.
We will discuss _____ the result in class tomorrow.

02. Mañana debatiremos la propuesta en clase.
We will discuss _____ the proposal in class tomorrow.

03. Mañana debatiremos el presupuesto en clase.
We will discuss _____ the budget in class tomorrow.

04. Mañana debatiremos el problema en clase.
We will discuss _____ the problem in class tomorrow.

05. Mañana debatiremos los próximos pasos en clase.
We will discuss _____ the next steps in class tomorrow.

06. El personal respondió a todas las preguntas con rapidez.
The staff answered _____ all the questions quickly.

07. El personal respondió a la llamada con rapidez.
The staff answered _____ the call quickly.

08. El personal respondió al correo con rapidez.
The staff answered _____ the email quickly.

09. El personal respondió a la solicitud con rapidez.
The staff answered _____ the request quickly.

10. El personal respondió a la carta con rapidez.
The staff answered _____ the letter quickly.

11. Entraron en la sala sin hacer ruido.
They entered _____ the room quietly.

12. Entraron en el edificio sin hacer ruido.
They entered _____ the building quietly.

13. Entraron en la cocina sin hacer ruido.
They entered _____ the kitchen quietly.

14. Entraron en el ascensor sin hacer ruido.
They entered _____ the lift quietly.

15. Entraron en la oficina sin hacer ruido.
They entered _____ the office quietly.

16. Nos acercamos hasta la puerta con cuidado.
We approached _____ the door carefully.

17. Nos acercamos hasta la entrada principal con cuidado.
We approached _____ the main entrance carefully.

18. Nos acercamos hasta el mostrador con cuidado.
We approached _____ the counter carefully.

19. Nos acercamos hasta la casa con cuidado.
We approached _____ the house carefully.

20. Nos acercamos hasta el puesto de información con cuidado.
We approached _____ the information desk carefully.

Direct objects

Continue. Complete only the gap in English.

21. Puedes ponerte en contacto con la clínica por teléfono.
You can contact _____ the clinic by phone.

22. Puedes ponerte en contacto con el departamento de ventas por teléfono.
You can contact _____ the sales department by phone.

23. Puedes ponerte en contacto con la oficina municipal por teléfono.
You can contact _____ the town office by phone.

24. Puedes ponerte en contacto con el organizador por teléfono.
You can contact _____ the organiser by phone.

25. Puedes ponerte en contacto con nuestra asesora por teléfono.
You can contact _____ our adviser by phone.

26. Al llegar, alcanzamos la estación justo antes de anochecer.
When we arrived, we reached _____ the station just before dark.

27. Al llegar, alcanzamos la cima justo antes de anochecer.
When we arrived, we reached _____ the top just before dark.

28. Al llegar, alcanzamos la frontera justo antes de anochecer.
When we arrived, we reached _____ the border just before dark.

29. Al llegar, alcanzamos el pueblo justo antes de anochecer.
When we arrived, we reached _____ the village just before dark.

30. Al llegar, alcanzamos la última parada justo antes de anochecer.
When we arrived, we reached _____ the last stop just before dark.

31. Se unió a un club de lectura después de terminar sus estudios.
She joined _____ a book club after finishing her studies.

32. Se unió al equipo de voluntarios después de terminar sus estudios.
She joined _____ the team of volunteers after finishing her studies.

33. Se unió a la asociación local después de terminar sus estudios.
She joined _____ the local association after finishing her studies.

34. Se unió a una empresa pequeña después de terminar sus estudios.
She joined _____ a small company after finishing her studies.

35. Se unió al grupo de senderismo después de terminar sus estudios.
She joined _____ the hiking group after finishing her studies.

36. Ava se casó con Theo en primavera.
Ava married _____ Theo in the spring.

37. Ava se casó con su amigo de la universidad en primavera.
Ava married _____ her university friend in the spring.

38. Ava se casó con su pareja en primavera.
Ava married _____ her partner in the spring.

39. Ava se casó con un compañero de trabajo en primavera.
Ava married _____ a colleague in the spring.

40. Ava se casó con la persona que conoció en la universidad en primavera.
Ava married _____ the person she met at university in the spring.

Answer key

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

01. We will discuss the result in class tomorrow. **(no preposition)**
02. We will discuss the proposal in class tomorrow. **(no preposition)**
03. We will discuss the budget in class tomorrow. **(no preposition)**
04. We will discuss the problem in class tomorrow. **(no preposition)**
05. We will discuss the next steps in class tomorrow. **(no preposition)**
06. The staff answered all the questions quickly. **(no preposition)**
07. The staff answered the call quickly. **(no preposition)**
08. The staff answered the email quickly. **(no preposition)**
09. The staff answered the request quickly. **(no preposition)**
10. The staff answered the letter quickly. **(no preposition)**
11. They entered the room quietly. **(no preposition)**
12. They entered the building quietly. **(no preposition)**
13. They entered the kitchen quietly. **(no preposition)**
14. They entered the lift quietly. **(no preposition)**
15. They entered the office quietly. **(no preposition)**
16. We approached the door carefully. **(no preposition)**
17. We approached the main entrance carefully. **(no preposition)**
18. We approached the counter carefully. **(no preposition)**
19. We approached the house carefully. **(no preposition)**
20. We approached the information desk carefully. **(no preposition)**
21. You can contact the clinic by phone. **(no preposition)**
22. You can contact the sales department by phone. **(no preposition)**
23. You can contact the town office by phone. **(no preposition)**
24. You can contact the organiser by phone. **(no preposition)**
25. You can contact our adviser by phone. **(no preposition)**
26. When we arrived, we reached the station just before dark. **(no preposition)**
27. When we arrived, we reached the top just before dark. **(no preposition)**
28. When we arrived, we reached the border just before dark. **(no preposition)**
29. When we arrived, we reached the village just before dark. **(no preposition)**
30. When we arrived, we reached the last stop just before dark. **(no preposition)**
31. She joined a book club after finishing her studies. **(no preposition)**
32. She joined the team of volunteers after finishing her studies. **(no preposition)**
33. She joined the local association after finishing her studies. **(no preposition)**
34. She joined a small company after finishing her studies. **(no preposition)**
35. She joined the hiking group after finishing her studies. **(no preposition)**
36. Ava married Theo in the spring. **(no preposition)**
37. Ava married her university friend in the spring. **(no preposition)**
38. Ava married her partner in the spring. **(no preposition)**
39. Ava married a colleague in the spring. **(no preposition)**
40. Ava married the person she met at university in the spring. **(no preposition)**