# Nouns and prepositions

## Common noun + preposition patterns

Algunos nombres van con una palabra concreta, como **a reason for** (una razón para) o **a solution to** (una solución a). Aprende cada pareja.

**Ejemplo resuelto / Worked example**

There is a good reason **for** leaving early and a simple solution **to** the problem. / Hay una buena razón para salir temprano y una solución sencilla al problema.

**Complete each English noun pattern with its preposition.**

**01.** Había una buena razón para cancelar la visita.
There was a good reason _____ cancelling the visit.

**02.** Había una buena razón para cambiar la ruta.
There was a good reason _____ changing the route.

**03.** Había una buena razón para llegar temprano.
There was a good reason _____ arriving early.

**04.** Había una buena razón para elegir otro hotel.
There was a good reason _____ choosing another hotel.

**05.** Había una buena razón para esperar una semana más.
There was a good reason _____ waiting one more week.

**06.** Por fin encontramos una solución al problema.
At last, we found a solution _____ the problem.

**07.** Por fin encontramos una solución a la fuga.
At last, we found a solution _____ the leak.

**08.** Por fin encontramos una solución al error.
At last, we found a solution _____ the error.

**09.** Por fin encontramos una solución a la falta de espacio.
At last, we found a solution _____ the lack of space.

**10.** Por fin encontramos una solución al retraso.
At last, we found a solution _____ the delay.

**11.** Se ha producido un aumento de los precios este año.
There has been an increase _____ prices this year.

**12.** Se ha producido un aumento de las ventas este año.
There has been an increase _____ sales this year.

**13.** Se ha producido un aumento del número de visitantes este año.
There has been an increase _____ the number of visitors this year.

**14.** Se ha producido un aumento del uso del transporte público este año.
There has been an increase _____ the use of public transport this year.

**15.** Se ha producido un aumento de la demanda este año.
There has been an increase _____ demand this year.

**16.** Hemos observado una disminución del consumo de agua.
We have noticed a decrease _____ water consumption.

**17.** Hemos observado una disminución de las ventas.
We have noticed a decrease _____ sales.

**18.** Hemos observado una disminución del tráfico.
We have noticed a decrease _____ traffic.

**19.** Hemos observado una disminución del número de quejas.
We have noticed a decrease _____ the number of complaints.

**20.** Hemos observado una disminución de los costes de envío.
We have noticed a decrease _____ shipping costs.

## Common noun patterns

**Continue. Complete only the gap in English.**

**21.** Hay una gran necesidad de viviendas asequibles en la zona.
There is a great need _____ affordable housing in the area.

**22.** Hay una gran necesidad de más plazas de aparcamiento en la zona.
There is a great need _____ more parking spaces in the area.

**23.** Hay una gran necesidad de personal cualificado en la zona.
There is a great need _____ skilled staff in the area.

**24.** Hay una gran necesidad de transporte nocturno en la zona.
There is a great need _____ night transport in the area.

**25.** Hay una gran necesidad de información clara en la zona.
There is a great need _____ clear information in the area.

**26.** Nos llegó una invitación a la ceremonia.
We received an invitation _____ the ceremony.

**27.** Nos llegó una invitación a la reunión anual.
We received an invitation _____ the annual meeting.

**28.** Nos llegó una invitación a la exposición.
We received an invitation _____ the exhibition.

**29.** Nos llegó una invitación a la inauguración.
We received an invitation _____ the opening.

**30.** Nos llegó una invitación a la fiesta del barrio.
We received an invitation _____ the neighbourhood party.

**31.** Todavía no he recibido una respuesta a mi correo.
I still have not received a reply _____ my email.

**32.** Todavía no he recibido una respuesta a la solicitud.
I still have not received a reply _____ the application.

**33.** Todavía no he recibido una respuesta a la pregunta.
I still have not received a reply _____ the question.

**34.** Todavía no he recibido una respuesta a nuestra propuesta.
I still have not received a reply _____ our proposal.

**35.** Todavía no he recibido una respuesta a la carta.
I still have not received a reply _____ the letter.

**36.** La falta de preparación causó problemas.
A lack _____ preparation caused problems.

**37.** La falta de tiempo causó problemas.
A lack _____ time caused problems.

**38.** La falta de personal causó problemas.
A lack _____ staff caused problems.

**39.** La falta de espacio causó problemas.
A lack _____ space caused problems.

**40.** La falta de información causó problemas.
A lack _____ information caused problems.

## Answer key

Complete sentences. The noun preposition or fixed expression is shown in bold.

**01.** There was a good reason **for** cancelling the visit.
**02.** There was a good reason **for** changing the route.
**03.** There was a good reason **for** arriving early.
**04.** There was a good reason **for** choosing another hotel.
**05.** There was a good reason **for** waiting one more week.
**06.** At last, we found a solution **to** the problem.
**07.** At last, we found a solution **to** the leak.
**08.** At last, we found a solution **to** the error.
**09.** At last, we found a solution **to** the lack of space.
**10.** At last, we found a solution **to** the delay.
**11.** There has been an increase **in** prices this year.
**12.** There has been an increase **in** sales this year.
**13.** There has been an increase **in** the number of visitors this year.
**14.** There has been an increase **in** the use of public transport this year.
**15.** There has been an increase **in** demand this year.
**16.** We have noticed a decrease **in** water consumption.
**17.** We have noticed a decrease **in** sales.
**18.** We have noticed a decrease **in** traffic.
**19.** We have noticed a decrease **in** the number of complaints.
**20.** We have noticed a decrease **in** shipping costs.
**21.** There is a great need **for** affordable housing in the area.
**22.** There is a great need **for** more parking spaces in the area.
**23.** There is a great need **for** skilled staff in the area.
**24.** There is a great need **for** night transport in the area.
**25.** There is a great need **for** clear information in the area.
**26.** We received an invitation **to** the ceremony.
**27.** We received an invitation **to** the annual meeting.
**28.** We received an invitation **to** the exhibition.
**29.** We received an invitation **to** the opening.
**30.** We received an invitation **to** the neighbourhood party.
**31.** I still have not received a reply **to** my email.
**32.** I still have not received a reply **to** the application.
**33.** I still have not received a reply **to** the question.
**34.** I still have not received a reply **to** our proposal.
**35.** I still have not received a reply **to** the letter.
**36.** A lack **of** preparation caused problems.
**37.** A lack **of** time caused problems.
**38.** A lack **of** staff caused problems.
**39.** A lack **of** space caused problems.
**40.** A lack **of** information caused problems.