

Differences of Use of Prepositions between French and English Verbs

Prepositions are not used the same in French and English even though they have an equivalent translation. To *follow* these verbs *with a noun*, use....

No Preposition in French

attendre – to wait for	habiter – to live in
chercher – to look for	mettre – to put on
demander – to ask for	**payer – to pay for
écouter – to listen to	regarder – to look at
essayer – to try, to try on	reprocher – to blame for

***Mon ami a payé notre dîner.* My friend paid for our dinner.

***Le voleur a payé pour son crime.* The thief paid for his crime. (atonement)

***Je dois payer 200€ pour le manteau.* I have to pay 200€ for the coat.

Verbs followed by de in French

jouer de + instrument – to play	douter de - to suspect
s'apercevoir de – to notice	jouir de – to enjoy
s'approcher de – to approach	manquer de – to lack
avoir besoin de – to need	se servir de – to use
changer de – to change	se souvenir de – to remember
discuter de – to discuss	se tromper de – to make a mistake

Verbs followed by à in French

jouer à – to play a game or sport	(dé)plaître à – to (dis)please
convenir à – to suit	renoncer à – to renounce
se fier à – to trust	répondre à – to answer
assister à – to attend	résister à – to resist
réussir à – to pass a test (to succeed)	ressembler à – to resemble
(dés)obéir à – to (dis)obey	téléphoner à – to call
pardonner à – to forgive	