

Verb + object + preposition + object I

Example: **He divided the paper into five sections.**

Selection of

Verbs	Czech equivalents	Nouns	Adjectives
add ... to ...	přidat; přičíst ... k ...	addition to	added; additional
apply ... to ..., ... in ...	aplikovat, použít na, v ...; nanést (barvu, lak)	application of ... to, in; appliance	applicable to
base ... on ...	založit ... na ...	basis of/for; base; basics	basic
convert ... to/into ...	přeměnit ... na ...	conversion to/into; converter	convertible to/into
devote ... to ...	věnovat ... čemu	devotion	devoted
divide ... by ...	dělit ... čím	division by; divisor	divisible by
divide ... into ...	dělit ... na ...	division into	divisible into
equip ... with ...	vybavit ... čím	equipment	
examine ... in ...	zkoušet ... z ...	examination in; examiner	
explain ... to ...	vysvětlovat ... komu	explanation	explanatory
invite ... to ...	pozvat ... na ...	invitation to	invited (speaker); inviting
multiply ... by ...	násobit ... čím	multiplication by; multiple; multiplier	multiple
prefer ... to ...	dát přednost ... před ...	preference for; (give) preference to	preferable to; preferential
present ... to ...	prezentovat komu co	presentation of; (give) a presentation on; presenter	presentable
remind ... of ...	připomenout komu co	reminder of	
separate ... from ...	oddělit ... od ...	separation of ... from; between ... (and)	separate from; separable
separate ... into ...	dělit ... na ...	separation into	
spend ... on ...	utratit, vydat ... za ...	spender; spending	
subtract ... from ...	odečíst ... od ...	subtraction from	
test ... for ...	testovat ... na ... (přítomnost čeho)	test for ; tester	testable; testing
test ... on ...	testovat ... na ...	test on	

Notes:

The following examples will help you distinguish between “appliance “ and “application “ and “base, basis, basic, basics”.

- **application:** *The research has many practical applications.*
- **appliance:** *electrical/household appliances*

- **to base:** *What is this theory based on?*
- basis:** *There is no basis for this hypothesis.
Is it safe to predict results on the basis of a few experiments?*
- base:** *Draw a square with the line "xy" as its base.
a company/military base*
- basics:** *I still haven't mastered the basics of English grammar. (fundamentals)*

Common mistakes:

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| <p>Wrong: <i>Apply the paint on both sides of the door.</i>
<i>Students should be able to apply their theoretical knowledge on practical problems.</i></p> <p><i>Divide the line in equal parts.</i>
<i>The kitchen is equipped by all modern appliances.</i></p> <p><i>He examined us from mathematics.</i></p> <p><i>They invited us on their meeting.</i></p> <p><i>Can you explain me the problem?</i></p> <p><i>I'd like to present you our new model.</i></p> <p><i>I'd like to remind you your promise.</i></p> | <p>Right: Apply the paint to both sides of the door.
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EXERCISES

I. Complete with prepositions.

1. All foreign students are invited the party organized by the Student Union.
2. What is the formula for converting pounds kilos?
3. Who will examine you physics?
4. A protective coating is applied the surface.
5. They based their hypothesis incorrect assumptions.
6. We have added value the information by organizing it.
7. Great Britain is separated the Continent by the English Channel.
8. The laboratory is equipped all the apparatus we need for our research.
9. We tested the water chemicals.
10. The new drugs were tested animals.
11. The meeting will be devoted safety issues.
12. I have divided my presentation three parts.
13. 2 multiplied 3 is 6.
14. More money should be spent education.

II. Correct the following sentences.

1. He invited us on his lecture.
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2. In the process the light energy is converted on electrical energy.
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3. I prefer oral exams before written exams.
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4. Results of scientific research are often applied on industrial processes.
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5. The students were examined from five subjects.
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6. We added a few more names on the list.
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7. Separate the students to four groups.
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8. The new research centre will be equipped by cutting-edge technology.
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9. The water is tested on impurities.
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10. This chapter is devoted for alternative sources of energy.
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11. Synchronous motors are divided in three groups.
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III. Complete each sentence with a word made from the word in capitals. Sometimes no change is necessary.

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| 1. We visited Brunel University at the of the Vice-Chancellor. | INVITE |
| 2. There are notes at the end of each chapter. | EXPLAIN |
| 3. The Czech crown (CZK) is a currency. | CONVERT |
| 4. I find our method to the one proposed by the other team. | PREFER |
| 5. Who will be the speaker at the conference next year? | INVITE |
| 6. The students listed below have failed to satisfy the | EXAMINE |
| 7. I'll try to give you a quick of how the device works. | EXPLAIN |
| 8. We do both and research at our department. | BASE, APPLY |
| 9. He had a poor knowledge of the of mathematics. | BASE |
| 10. In to giving a general introduction to computers,
the course also provides practical experience. | ADD |
| 11. To learn how to write papers in English is an reason for
learning the language. | ADD |
| 12. The Faculty of Electrical Engineering and the Faculty of Mechanical
Engineering are in two buildings. | SEPARATE |
| 13. 20 is a of 5. | MULTIPLY |
| 14. This machine has a heavy | BASE |
| 15. His work will be used as a for future research. | BASE |
| 16. They sell household, such as washing machines, dish-
washers and refrigerators. | APPLY |
| 17. Our research has many practical | APPLY |

IV. Rewrite each sentence so that it contains the words given in b) and so that the meaning remains the same.

- 1.a) They did not explain why the lecture was cancelled.
b) The lecture without
- 2.a) Those who had at least two years' experience were preferred.
b) was given to
- 3.a) Your method cannot be applied in this case.
b) Your method is not
- 4.a) Our approach is based on simulation and mathematical modelling.
b) Simulation and mathematical modelling form the
- 5.a) Our company is based in London, but we have branches all over Europe.
b) Our company's is
- 6.a) 15 can be divided by 3.
b) 15 is
- 7.a) The British converted their system of measurement to the metric system in the 1970s.
b) The took place in the 1970s.

V. Complete each sentence 1. to 10. with an appropriate ending from a) to j).

1. The conversion of waste into usable products a) give a short presentation.
2. She failed her exams and b) your arguments in favour of joining the project.
3. Try to keep c) has been added to this new edition.
4. A lot of money was spent on d) each member of the group specializes in a different kind of work.
5. Each of the students was asked to e) the topics dealt with last year.
6. I would like to remind you of f) was the main topic of that workshop.
7. Material about recent research g) will have to take them again.
8. The test questions were based on h) the equipment for the new lab.
9. Division of labour is a system in which i) these two things separate.

VI. Translate.

1. Jak mu vysvětlíš ten problém?
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2. Mechanická energie se přemění na elektrickou energii.
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3. Dává přednost výzkumu před výukou.
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4. Už jsi složil zkoušku z numerické analýzy?
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5. Aplikovali to, co se naučili v teorii, na praktické problémy.
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6. Jejich základní problém je nedostatek zkušenosti.
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7. Přednesl (prezentoval) zprávu svým kolegům na včerejší schůzi.
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8. Připočtete-li 23 k 57, dostanete 80.

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9. Složil řidičskou zkoušku minulý rok.

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10. Rád bych vám připomněl některá základní fakta.

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11. Tento dokument bude tvořit základ pro naši diskusi.

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12. První část článku je věnována historii elektřiny.

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13. Odečtete-li 15 od 30, dostanete 15.

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