

Adjective + preposition 1

A It was nice of you to ...

nice / kind / good / generous / polite / stupid / silly etc. **OF** somebody (to do something)

- Thank you. It was very kind of you to help me.
- It is stupid of me to go out without a coat in such cold weather.

but (be) nice / kind / good / generous / polite / rude / friendly / cruel etc. **TO** somebody

- They have always been very nice to me. (not with me)
- Why were you so unfriendly to Lucy?

B Adjective + about / with

angry / annoyed / furious { **ABOUT** something
WITH somebody **FOR** doing something

- It's stupid to get angry about things that don't matter.
- Are you annoyed with me for being late?

excited / worried / upset / nervous / happy etc. **ABOUT** a situation

- Are you excited about going away next week?
- Lisa is upset about not being invited to the party.

delighted / pleased / satisfied / happy / disappointed **WITH** something you receive, or the result of something

- I was delighted with the present you gave me.
- Were you happy with your exam results?

C Adjective + at / by / with

surprised / shocked / amazed / astonished **AT / BY** something

- Everybody was surprised AT (or BY) the news.
- I hope you weren't shocked BY (or AT) what I said.

impressed **WITH / BY** somebody/something

- I'm very impressed with (or by) her English. It's very good.

fed up / bored **WITH** something

- I don't enjoy my job any more. I'm fed up with it. / I'm bored with it.

D Sorry about / for

sorry **ABOUT** a situation or something that happened

- I'm sorry about the mess. I'll clear it up later.
- We're all sorry about Julie losing her job.

sorry **FOR / ABOUT** something you did

- Alex is very sorry for what he said. (or sorry about what he said)
- I'm sorry for shouting at you yesterday. (or sorry about shouting)

You can also say 'I'm sorry I (did something)':

- I'm sorry I shouted at you yesterday.

feel / be sorry **FOR** somebody who is in a bad situation

- I feel sorry for Matt. He's had a lot of bad luck. (not I feel sorry about Matt)

130.1 Write sentences using nice of ... , kind of ... etc.

- 1 I went out in the cold without a coat.
- 2 Sue offered to drive me to the airport.
- 3 I needed money and Tom gave me some.
- 4 They didn't invite us to their party.
- 5 Can I help you with your luggage?
- 6 Kevin didn't thank me for the present.
- 7 They've had an argument and now they refuse to speak to each other.

- (silly) That was silly of you.
- (nice) That was her.
- (generous) That
- (not very nice) That
- (very kind) you.
- (not very polite)
- (a bit childish)

130.2 Complete the sentences using the following adjectives + the correct preposition:

annoyed annoyed astonished bored ~~excited~~ impressed kind sorry

- 1 Are you excited about going away next week?
- 2 Thank you for all your help. You've been very me.
- 3 I wouldn't like to be in her position. I feel her.
- 4 What have I done wrong? Why are you me?
- 5 Why do you always get so things that don't matter?
- 6 I wasn't very the service in the restaurant. We had to wait ages before our food arrived.
- 7 Ben isn't very happy at college. He says he's the course he's doing.
- 8 I had never seen so many people before. I was the crowds.

130.3 Put in the correct preposition.

- 1 I was delighted with the present you gave me.
- 2 It was very nice you to do my shopping for me. Thank you very much.
- 3 Why are you always so rude your parents? Can't you be nice them?
- 4 It was careless you to leave the door unlocked when you went out.
- 5 They didn't reply to our letter, which wasn't very polite them.
- 6 We always have the same food every day. I'm fed up it.
- 7 I can't understand people who are cruel animals.
- 8 We enjoyed our holiday, but we were a bit disappointed the hotel.
- 9 I was surprised the way he behaved. It was completely out of character.
- 10 I've been trying to learn Spanish, but I'm not very satisfied my progress.
- 11 Linda doesn't look very well. I'm worried her.
- 12 Are you angry what happened?
- 13 I'm sorry what I did. I hope you're not angry me.
- 14 The people next door are furious us making so much noise last night.
- 15 Jill starts her new job next week. She's quite excited it.
- 16 I'm sorry the smell of paint in this room. I've just decorated it.
- 17 I was shocked what I saw. I'd never seen anything like it before.
- 18 The man we interviewed for the job was intelligent, but we weren't very impressed his appearance.
- 19 Are you still upset what I said to you yesterday?
- 20 He said he was sorry the situation, but there was nothing he could do.
- 21 I felt sorry the children when we went on holiday. It rained every day and they had to spend most of the time indoors.

Adjective + preposition 2

A Adjective + of (1)

afraid / frightened / terrified / scared OF ...

- 'Are you afraid of spiders?' 'Yes, I'm terrified of them.'

fond / proud / ashamed / jealous / envious OF ...

- Why are you always so jealous of other people?

suspicious / critical / tolerant OF ...

- He didn't trust me. He was suspicious of my intentions.

B Adjective + of (2)

aware / conscious OF ...

- 'Did you know he was married?' 'No, I wasn't aware of that.'

capable / incapable OF ...

- I'm sure you are capable of passing the examination.

full / short OF ...

- The letter I wrote was full of mistakes. (*not* full with)
- I'm a bit short of money. Can you lend me some?

typical OF ...

- He's late again. It's typical of him to keep everybody waiting.

tired / sick OF ...

- Come on, let's go! I'm tired of waiting. (= I've had enough of waiting.)

certain / sure OF or ABOUT ...

- I think she's arriving this evening, but I'm not sure of that. *or* ... sure about that.

C Adjective + at / to / from / in / on / with / for

good / bad / brilliant / better / hopeless etc. AT ...

- I'm not very good at repairing things. (*not* good in repairing things)

married / engaged TO ...

- Linda is married to an American. (*not* married with)

but Linda is married with three children. (= she is married and has three children)

similar TO ...

- Your writing is similar to mine.

different FROM or different TO ...

- The film was different from what I'd expected. (*or* different to what I'd expected.)

interested IN ...

- Are you interested in art?

keen ON ...

- We stayed at home because Chris wasn't very keen on going out.

dependent ON ... (*but* independent OF ...)

- I don't want to be dependent on anybody.

crowded WITH (people etc.)

- The streets were crowded with tourists. (*but* full of tourists)

famous FOR ...

- The Italian city of Florence is famous for its art treasures.

responsible FOR ...

Exercises

131.1 Complete the second sentence so that it has the same meaning as the first.

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| 1 There were lots of tourists in the streets. | The streets were crowded <u>with tourists</u> . |
| 2 There was a lot of furniture in the room. | The room was full |
| 3 I don't like sport very much. | I'm not very keen |
| 4 We don't have enough time. | We're a bit short |
| 5 I'm not a very good tennis player. | I'm not very good |
| 6 Catherine's husband is Russian. | Catherine is married |
| 7 I don't trust Robert. | I'm suspicious |
| 8 My problem is not the same as yours. | My problem is different |

131.2 Complete the sentences using the following adjectives + the correct preposition:

afraid different interested proud responsible similar ~~sure~~

- I think she's arriving this evening, but I'm not sure of that.
- Your camera is mine, but it isn't exactly the same.
- Don't worry. I'll look after you. There's nothing to be
- I never watch the news on television. I'm not the news.
- The editor is the person who is what appears in a newspaper.
- Sarah is a keen gardener. She's very her garden and loves showing it to visitors.
- I was surprised when I met Lisa for the first time. She was what I expected.

131.3 Put in the correct preposition.

- The letter I wrote was full of mistakes.
- My home town is not an especially interesting place. It's not famous anything.
- Kate is very fond her younger brother.
- I don't like going up ladders. I'm scared heights.
- You look bored. You don't seem interested what I'm saying.
- Did you know that Liz is engaged a friend of mine?
- I'm not ashamed what I did. In fact I'm quite proud it.
- I suggested that we should all go out for a meal, but nobody else was keen the idea.
- These days everybody is aware the dangers of smoking.
- The station platform was crowded people waiting for the train.
- Sue is much more successful than I am. Sometimes I feel a bit jealous her.
- I'm tired doing the same thing every day. I need a change.
- Do you know anyone who might be interested buying an old car?
- We've got plenty to eat. The fridge is full food.
- She is a very honest person. I don't think she is capable telling a lie.
- Helen works hard and she's extremely good her job.
- I'm not surprised he changed his mind at the last moment. That's typical him.
- Mark has no money of his own. He's totally dependent his parents.
- We're short staff in our office at the moment. We need more people to do the work.

131.4 Write sentences about yourself. Are you good at these things or not? Use the following:

good quite good not very good hopeless

- (repairing things) I'm not very good at repairing things.
- (telling jokes)
- (mathematics)
- (remembering names)