

# Adjective + Preposition List

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We often follow adjectives by **prepositions** (words like *of, for, with*), for example:

- *afraid of*  
*She's afraid of the dark.*
- *famous for*  
*France is famous for wine.*
- *bored with*  
*I'm bored with this film.*

Unfortunately, there is no rule to tell you which preposition goes with which adjective. So when you learn a new adjective, it's a good idea to learn the preposition that goes with it, and write the "collocation" or combination down in your notebook.

Here are the most common prepositions that follow adjectives in this way:

- *about, at, by, for, from, in, of, to, with*

And here are lists of adjectives that take specific prepositions, with a few example sentences for each group.

## **adjective + about**

- *I was angry about the accident.*
- *She's not happy about her new boss.*
- *Are you nervous about the exam?*

angry about  
anxious about  
enthusiastic about  
excited about  
furious about  
happy about  
mad about  
nervous about  
pessimistic about  
sad about  
serious about  
upset about  
worried about

### adjective + at

- *I'm rather bad at languages.*
- *I'm not good at languages either.*
- *Are you surprised at her success?*

amazed at  
angry at  
annoyed at  
awful at  
bad at  
brilliant at  
clever at  
delighted at  
disappointed at  
excellent at  
excited at  
good at  
hopeless at  
mad at  
present at  
shocked at  
skilled at  
successful at  
surprised at  
terrible at  
slow at  
lucky at

### adjective + by

- *We were amazed by his performance.*
- *They were not impressed by your argument.*
- *Were you surprised by his bluntness?*

amazed by  
delighted by  
disturbed by  
excited by  
fascinated by  
impressed by  
inspired by  
astonished by  
shocked by  
surprised by

### adjective + for

- *You are eligible for bonus pay.*
- *We were not prepared for his answer.*
- *Who is responsible for this?*

eager for  
eligible for  
famous for  
grateful for  
notorious for  
prepared for  
ready for  
renowned for  
responsible for  
respected for  
sorry for  
suitable for  
thankful for

### adjective + from

- *This cake is made from coconut.*
- *The city is not safe from attack.*
- *Is this material free from toxins?*

absent from  
different from  
free from  
made from  
protected from  
safe from

### adjective + in

- *I am disappointed in you.*
- *He isn't experienced in sales.*
- *Was he successful in his efforts?*

disappointed in  
experienced in  
interested in  
involved in  
polite/impolite in  
present in  
skilled in

slow in /        successful in  
talented in

**adjective + of**

- *He's afraid of failing.*
- *She's not capable of caring for herself.*
- *Was it silly of me to try?*

afraid of  
ashamed of  
aware of  
capable of  
certain of  
conscious of  
envious of  
independent of  
jealous of  
kind of  
nice of  
proud of  
scared of  
silly of  
sweet of  
typical of

**adjective + to**

- *She was addicted to alcohol.*
- *I'm not allergic to milk.*
- *Are they related to each other?*

accustomed to  
addicted to  
allergic to  
committed to  
dedicated to  
indifferent to  
kind to  
married to  
opposed to  
receptive to  
related to  
similar to  
superior to  
unfriendly to

## adjective + with

- *I am blessed with robust health.*
- *Unusually, the town was not crowded with tourists.*
- *Are you familiar with the controls?*

angry with  
associated with  
bored with  
blessed with  
confronted with  
content with  
crowded with  
delighted with  
disappointed with  
fed up with  
familiar with  
furious with  
ok with  
pleased with  
popular with  
satisfied with