

## Adjective + preposition 1

## A nice of you, nice to me

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

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

(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 / upset** { **ABOUT** something  
  **WITH** somebody **FOR** doing something

- ☐ There's no point in getting **angry about** things that don't matter.
- ☐ Are you **annoyed with** me **for** being late?
- ☐ Lisa is **upset about** not being invited to the party.

**excited / worried / nervous / happy** etc. **ABOUT** something

- ☐ Are you **nervous about** the exam?

**pleased / satisfied / happy / delighted / disappointed** **WITH** something you get or experience

- ☐ They were **delighted with** the present I gave them.
- ☐ Were you **happy with** your exam results?

## C adjective + at / by / with / of

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

- ☐ Everybody was **surprised at** the news. *or* ... **by** the news.
- ☐ I hope you weren't **shocked by** what I said. *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.

**tired** **OF** something

- ☐ Come on, let's go! I'm **tired of** waiting.

## D sorry about / for

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

- ☐ I'm **sorry about** the mess. I'll clear it up later.
- ☐ **Sorry about** last night. (= Sorry about something that happened last night)

**sorry** **FOR / ABOUT** something you did or caused

- ☐ I'm **sorry for** shouting at you yesterday. (*or sorry about* shouting)
- ☐ **Sorry for** the delay. (*or Sorry about* the delay)

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

- ☐ I'm **sorry I shouted** at you yesterday.

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

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

# Exercises

## 130.1 Complete the sentences using **nice of ...**, **kind of ...** etc.

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| <p>1 Tom offered to drive me to the airport.</p> <p>2 I needed money and Lisa gave me some.</p> <p>3 They didn't invite us to their party.</p> <p>4 Can I help you with your luggage?</p> <p>5 Kevin never says 'thank you'.</p> <p>6 They've had an argument and now they refuse to speak to each other.</p> | <p>(nice)<br/>That was <u>nice of him</u>.</p> <p>(generous)<br/>That ..... her.</p> <p>(not very nice)<br/>That wasn't .....</p> <p>(very kind)<br/>That's .....</p> <p>(not very polite)<br/>That isn't .....</p> <p>(a bit childish)<br/>That's a bit .....</p> |
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## 130.2 Complete the sentences using an adjective + preposition. Choose from:

**amazed    angry    bored    careless    excited    impressed    kind    ~~nervous~~**

- Are you nervous about the exam?
- Thank you for all you've done. You've been very ..... me.
- What have I done wrong? Why are you ..... me?
- You must be very ..... your trip next week. It sounds really great.
- I wasn't ..... the service in the restaurant. We had to wait ages.
- Ben isn't very happy at college. He says he's ..... the course he's doing.
- I'd never seen so many people before. I was ..... the crowds.
- It was ..... you to leave the car unlocked while you were shopping.

## 130.3 Put in the correct preposition.

- They were delighted with the present I gave them.
- It was nice ..... you to come and see me when I was ill.
- Why are you always so rude ..... people? Why can't you be more polite?
- We always have the same food every day. I'm fed up ..... it.
- We had a good holiday, but we were disappointed ..... the hotel.
- I can't understand people who are cruel ..... animals.
- I was surprised ..... the way he behaved. It was completely out of character.
- I've been trying to learn Japanese, but I'm not very satisfied ..... my progress.
- Tanya doesn't look very well. I'm worried ..... her.
- I'm sorry ..... yesterday. I completely forgot we'd arranged to meet.
- There's no point in feeling sorry ..... yourself. It won't help you.
- Are you still upset ..... what I said to you yesterday?
- Some people say Kate is unfriendly, but she's always been very nice ..... me.
- I'm tired ..... doing the same thing every day. I need a change.
- We interviewed ten people for the job, and we weren't impressed ..... any of them.
- Vicky is annoyed ..... me because I didn't agree with her.
- I'm sorry ..... the smell in this room. I've just finished painting it.
- I was shocked ..... what I saw. I'd never seen anything like it before.
- Jack is sorry ..... what he did. He won't do it again.
- The hotel was incredibly expensive. I was amazed ..... the price of a room.
- Paul made the wrong decision. It was honest ..... him to admit it.
- You've been very generous ..... me. You've helped me a lot.
- Our neighbours were very angry ..... the noise we made.
- Our neighbours were furious ..... us ..... making so much noise.

## Adjective + preposition 2

## A adjective + of

**afraid / scared / frightened / terrified OF ...**

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

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

- ☐ Why is he so **jealous of** other people?

**suspicious / critical / tolerant OF ...**

- ☐ They didn't trust me. They were **suspicious of** my motives.

**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** doing the job well.

**full / short OF ...**

- ☐ Amy is a very active person. She's always **full of** energy.  
☐ 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.

**certain / sure OF or ABOUT ...**

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

## B 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 ...**

- ☐ Louise is **married to** an American. (*not* married with)  
*but* Louise is married **with three children**. (= she is married and has three children)

**similar TO ...**

- ☐ Your handwriting 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. Chris wasn't **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 ...**

- ☐ Who was **responsible for** all that noise last night?

## Exercises

**131.1 Complete the sentences using an adjective + of. Choose from:**ashamed   aware   capable   envious   proud   scared   ~~short~~   typical

- I'm a bit short of money. Can you lend me some?
- My children have done very well. I'm ..... them.
- What I did was very bad. I'm ..... myself.
- She always behaves like that. It's ..... her.
- He wouldn't be able to run his own business. He's not ..... it.
- I don't like going up ladders. I'm ..... heights.
- Nobody told me she was ill. I wasn't ..... it.
- I wish I had what Sarah has. I'm ..... her.

**131.2 Write sentences about yourself. Are you good at these things or not? You can use:**

good   pretty good   not very good   hopeless

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

**131.3 Complete the sentences using an adjective + preposition. Choose from:**afraid   capable   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 TV. I'm not ..... the news.
- The editor is the person who is ..... what appears in a newspaper.
- Sarah is a keen gardener and is very ..... her garden.
- I was surprised when I first met Tina. She was ..... what I expected.
- Ben could become world champion one day. He's ..... it.

**131.4 Complete the second sentence so that it means the same as the first.**

- There were lots of tourists in the streets. The streets were crowded with tourists.
- There was a lot of furniture in the room. The room was full .....
- I don't like sport very much. I'm not very keen .....
- We don't have enough time. We're short .....
- Helen does her job very well. Helen is very good .....
- Steven's wife is a doctor. Steven is married .....
- I don't trust Robert. I'm suspicious .....
- My problem is not the same as yours. My problem is different .....

**131.5 Put in the correct preposition.**

- Amy is always full of energy.
- My home town is not a very interesting place. It's not famous ..... anything.
- Kate is very fond ..... her younger brother.
- You look bored. You don't seem interested ..... what I'm saying.
- 'Our flight departs at 10.35.' 'Are you sure ..... that?'
- I wanted to 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.
- Mark has no money of his own. He's completely dependent ..... his parents.
- We're short ..... staff in our office right now. We need more people to do the work.