



Prepositions Following Adjectives 1

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Exercise 1 – Learning

To say how we feel about someone or something, we use adjectives with the prepositions: **about, with, of, at**

The most general adjectives tend to be used with many different prepositions.

For example: '**happy about/with**' and '**angry at/about/with**'

Adj + 'about'

'**About**' tends to be used after an adjective to say how you feel **about** an event that happened or will happen.

- We are **sorry about** your dog's death. (*'about' + past event: dog's death*)
- The presidential candidate was **happy about** the results of the election. (*'about' + past event: results/victory*)
- He is **nervous about** the test. (*'about' + future event (upcoming test)*)
- He is **sad about** his test results. (*'about' + past event*)
- The workers are **worried about** being fired. (*'about' + future event*)
- The workers are **angry about** being fired. (*'about' + past event*)



Adj + 'with'

'**With**' tends to be used after an adjective to say how you feel about someone or some thing or experience you have or received.

- My mother is **angry with** me for losing her necklace. (*person: me. How my mother feels about me: angry.*)
- I am **happy with** my new job. (*experience: my job. How I feel about it: happy.*)
- Susan is **satisfied with** her grade. (*something received: grade. How she feels about it: satisfied*)

Adj + 'of'

Use '**of**' with an adjective to indicate the source **of** some feeling.

- Patricia is **proud of** her ability to speak English. (= *her ability to speak English is the source of her pride*)
- I am **suspicious of** what he is doing. (= *his actions are the source of my suspicion*)
- We're **envious of** our rival's success. (= *their success is the source of our envy*)
- Charlie is **fond of** his younger sister. (= *his sister is the source of his fondness*)



Adj + 'at'

'At' indicates an action that is one-directional:

"I threw the ball *at* the wall."

As a result, 'at' can also be used to show emotions towards someone or something:

- He was **angry at** me for breaking the bowl.
- I was **amazed at** the beautiful view.
- The presidential candidate was **surprised at** the election results.



Exercise 2 – Fill in the Blanks

Fill in the blanks with about, with, of, or at. There can be more than one correct answer.

1. Are you happy _____ your life?
2. Is she comfortable _____ your dangerous lifestyle?
3. She is annoyed _____ your bad habits.
4. My sister is annoyed _____ me for breaking her computer.
5. I am nervous _____ asking her to marry me.
6. I am amazed _____ your ability to work so effectively.
7. Is she proud _____ your success?
8. I am very fond _____ my two dogs.



Exercise 3 – Sentence Construction

Use what you learned in class to create sentences with your tutor.

Example: sad about, death. → We are very sad about the death of our cat.

Content:

1. proud of, cooking skills.
2. suspicious of, actions.
3. fond of, him.
4. envious of, friend's happiness.
5. amazed at, wealth.
6. afraid of, dark.