



Prepositions Following Adjectives 3

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Exercise 1 – Learning

Prepositions in this lesson: **by, for, from**

Adj + 'by'

The preposition '**by**' indicates an agent of an action (the person or thing that does the action).

*"This book was published **by** his company."*

We can also use '**by**' to indicate the cause of some emotion or feeling.

- He was **amazed by** the news.
- We were **puzzled by** his decision to drop out of college.
- The whole country was **shocked by** the terrorist attack.



Adj + 'for'

The preposition '**for**' generally indicates a **purpose for doing something** or an **endpoint**.

Whereas "a train '**to**' London" will go '**to**' London, "a train '**for**' London" is a train whose final destination is London. When the train reaches London, it has fulfilled its **purpose** or **reason for being**.

Use '**for**' with adjectives to indicate the reason **for** that adjective.

- Michael Jackson is **famous for** his music.
- The thief was **punished for** stealing.
- He was **thankful for** his family's help.

Adj + 'from'

The preposition '**from**' can indicate separation between two things.

*"Stay away **from** the dog!"*

Use '**from**' with adjectives to express separation between two things.

- The refugees escaped to Germany to be **safe from** war.
- He looked **different from** the picture.



Exercise 2 – Fill in the Blanks

Fill in the blanks with for, by, or from to complete the sentences.

1. His son was punished _____ breaking a window.
2. Everyone was astonished _____ the musician's performance.
3. You should use sunscreen when you go to the beach to be safe _____ the sun.
4. I was shocked _____ the ending of the movie.
5. This dance is derived _____ salsa.
6. I was really eager _____ the new movie to come out.
7. It looks quite different _____ what I was expecting.
8. I was astonished _____ the news.



Exercise 3 – Sentence Construction

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

Example: responsible, task. → I am responsible for this task.

Content:

1. safe, danger.
2. confused, game.
3. famous, music.
4. happy, marriage.
5. thankful, friends.
6. punished, stealing.