

## 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 / 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** a situation

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

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

- ☐ 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 or BY something**

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

**impressed WITH or 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 / sick OF** something

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