

Use of English – adjectives with prepositions

Exercises from English Class a2+, Pearson

Bruce is good at counting but he isn't very good at sharing things.
Wendy is fond of talking. She enjoys telling the other children what to do.
Kevin isn't afraid of taking risks and he's really interested in planes.
Hannah is brilliant at drawing but she's hopeless at spelling.
Albert is keen on helping other people. He's always the first to come when someone's in trouble.
Kay is crazy about running. She's the fastest in the class.

- 3** Read the Language box. Find examples of the adjectives with prepositions in Exercise 2.

Language Adjectives with prepositions

After these phrases we add verb + *-ing*.


(not very) good at crazy about keen on

(really) bad at afraid of fond of hopeless at

brilliant at interested in

Bruce is **good at** counting.

Wendy is **fond of** talking.

- 5**  **4.18** Read the text and choose the correct option. Write the answers in your notebook. Listen and check.

My son loves watching car races on TV but he's afraid ¹of / in / on going fast in the car. He's brilliant ²about / at / of learning languages but he's really bad ³on / to / at remembering people's names. He's keen ⁴about / in / on doing Sudoku puzzles but he's not very ⁵fond / good / afraid at doing Maths problems. He's ⁶crazy / keen / brilliant about playing the guitar but he's hopeless at ⁷sing / singing / to sing. He's ⁸good / keen / crazy at working with his hands and he's fond ⁹at / on / of working in the garden but he thinks he'll work in an office when he's older. I don't understand him.

- 1 Complete the sentences with the prepositions from the box. Then match sentences 1–9 with pictures A–I.

in at of about on

- 1 I'm good _____ French.
- 2 I'm keen _____ sports.
- 3 I'm interested _____ languages.
- 4 I'm afraid _____ the dark.
- 5 I'm brilliant _____ History.
- 6 I'm fond _____ my young sister.
- 7 I'm hopeless _____ Maths.
- 8 I'm crazy _____ pop music.
- 9 I'm bad _____ Art.

- 2 Match sentences 1–9 in Exercise 1 with sentences a–i below.

- a I speak Russian, Swedish and Italian. ☐
- b I can't draw or paint. ☐
- c I always leave the light on at night. ☐
- d I listen to it all the time. ☐
- e I can remember dates of important events very easily. ☐
- f I practise every year when we go to Paris on holiday. ☐
- g I look after her when my parents go out. ☐
- h I play football, tennis and basketball. ☐
- i I always ask my friend to help me prepare for tests. ☐



- 3 Read the sentences about Katy's ambitions. Choose the correct answers.

- 1 I'm really _____ of animals. I'd like to be a vet.
a brilliant b fond c keen
- 2 It won't be easy because I'm hopeless _____ Maths and Science at the moment!
a at b in c of
- 3 I'm interested in _____ all about the different types of animals.
a to learn b learn c learning
- 4 I enjoy _____ my friends' dogs for a walk.
a to take b take c taking
- 5 I'm not _____ of working hard.
a afraid b hopeless c bad
- 6 When I was young I was crazy about _____ animal books and magazines.
a to read b read c reading
- 7 Then I got very keen _____ taking our neighbour's dog for walks.
a about b on c at
- 8 I'm quite _____ at understanding how animals feel.
a good b keen c fond
- 9 It _____ good to work with animals all the time.
a will be b definitely be c are