

## Adjective + Preposition + Gerund

**A - Study the examples and usage of adjective + preposition + gerund combinations.**

In the video, the narrator suggests the following tip when it comes to making decisions...

*“Be **vigilant about not wasting** energy on decisions that aren’t going to make a massive difference to your life.”*

Some adjectives in English are used with specific prepositions (**vigilant + about**), and then are followed by a gerund (**verb + -ing**). If the gerund needs negation, then simply add “not” before the gerund.

EXAMPLES With my new diet, I am **committed to eating** healthily and exercising regularly.

I am **worried about NOT having** enough discipline to follow my new diet properly.

Here are some of the most common **adjective + preposition + gerund** combinations:

famous for France is **famous for cooking** Arabian food.

proud of He is very **proud of buying** his new car.

interested in Julie is very **interested in playing** sports.

pleased with John is very **pleased with not having** to wear suit and tie at work.

bad at They are very **bad at doing** the math.

keen on The captain wasn’t **keen on having** him in the team.

good at Einstein was very **good at formulating** theories.

excited about I’m very **excited about not staying** home on holiday.

afraid of I’m **afraid of going** bungee-jumping.

responsible for A doorkeeper is **responsible for not letting** strangers enter the building.

shocked at He was **shocked at not having** a second chance.

successful in They were **successful in convincing** her to join the party.

aware of People should be **aware of not wasting** water.

**B - Rewrite each sentence below using an adjective + preposition + gerund combination.**  
**Use the preposition given into parenthesis and negation where necessary.**

EXAMPLE Don’t be afraid to step outside your comfort zone sometimes. (of)  
*Don’t be **afraid of stepping** outside your comfort zone sometimes.*

1 After experiencing the benefits of a healthy lifestyle, I am keen to keep it up. (on)  
After experiencing the benefits of a healthy lifestyle, I am \_\_\_\_\_ it up.

2 My friend is interested to hear my opinion on the difficult decision she is facing. (in)  
My friend is \_\_\_\_\_ my opinion on the difficult decision she is facing.

3 Don't be discouraged that you didn't get accepted to the university. (by)

Don't be \_\_\_\_\_ accepted to the university.

4 With my new job, I am concerned that I won't have as much time for my hobbies. (about)

With my new job, I am \_\_\_\_\_ as much time for my hobbies.

5 Kate is proud that she eliminated all of her bad habits from her life. (of)

Kate is \_\_\_\_\_ all of her bad habits from her life.

**C- Match the sentence halves.**

1 I'm pleased	a ABOUT losing my tablet.
2 I'm worried	b IN playing most online games.
3 I'm shocked	c WITH paying my new smartphone in installments.
4 I'm aware	d ON making video clips.
5 I'm keen	e AT being forced to upload certain apps so often.
6 I'm successful	f FOR running an online forum.
7 I'm responsible	g OF not being careless while exchanging information on the Internet.

**D - Tick the correct prepositions.**

1 Are you excited **about** ( ) / **for** ( ) going to the party?

3 She wasn't very pleased **in** ( ) / **with** ( ) sharing the room with her cousin.

4 Who will be responsible **about** ( ) / **for** ( ) making the phone calls?

5 That actor is famous **for** ( ) / **about** ( ) being extremely weird.

6 He was proud **of** ( ) / **for** ( ) having completed the marathon.

7 The hikers were worried **about** ( ) / **with** ( ) not having enough water.

8 She is afraid **about** ( ) / **of** ( ) speaking in public.

9 They are good **in** ( ) / **at** ( ) listening to people.

10 We are interested **on** ( ) / **in** ( ) selling the house.