

## UNIT 6 C

### VOCABULARY: EXPRESSIONS WITH PREPOSITIONS

6.4 Complete the sentences with the prepositions in the box. Pay attention to the adjectives in **bold**. Listen and check.

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- 1 I'm **addicted** \_\_\_\_\_ coffee, and I don't think I'll ever be able to give it up.
- 2 I'm going to work next year instead of starting college, and I'm very **comfortable** \_\_\_\_\_ my decision.
- 3 I don't know why people are **suspicious** \_\_\_\_\_ me. I'm a very nice person!
- 4 Young people today seem to think they're **entitled** \_\_\_\_\_ high salaries, even if they have no experience.
- 5 I'm so **anxious** \_\_\_\_\_ my exam tomorrow. I really hope I don't fail.
- 6 We're all very **concerned** \_\_\_\_\_ the high cost of living here. We might have to move.
- 7 Most millennials are **obsessed** \_\_\_\_\_ technology. It's a problem!
- 8 I'm really **fed up** \_\_\_\_\_ the term "generation gap." I feel I'm a lot like my parents.
- 9 Sarah was late for the concert because she was **confused** \_\_\_\_\_ the time. She thought it started at 8 p.m.
- 10 I'm **sympathetic** \_\_\_\_\_ my boyfriend's need for attention, but he's driving me crazy!

2 6.5 Read Marcy's e-mail and her friend Laura's response. Complete them with the prepositions in the box. Listen and check.

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Hi Laura,

I was accepted into a theater program this summer, but I'm not sure if I should go! The main <sup>1</sup>**advantage** \_\_\_\_\_ going is that it will be an incredible experience, but the <sup>2</sup>**disadvantage** \_\_\_\_\_ attending the program is the expense. Maybe there will be the <sup>3</sup>**possibility** \_\_\_\_\_ getting a scholarship.

I don't want to <sup>4</sup>**insist** \_\_\_\_\_ any help with the program fees, though. They might not <sup>5</sup>**approve** \_\_\_\_\_ that.

Anyway, what's your <sup>6</sup>**reaction** \_\_\_\_\_ all of this? Please answer soon!

Love,  
Marcy

Hi Marcy,

Wow! We all want to <sup>7</sup>**congratulate** you \_\_\_\_\_ your exciting news! I'd really <sup>8</sup>**advise** you \_\_\_\_\_ saying no. It's a wonderful opportunity! They can't <sup>9</sup>**criticize** you \_\_\_\_\_ being worried about the cost, or <sup>10</sup>**accuse** you \_\_\_\_\_ not being interested. I think you should explain everything honestly. I'm sure they **believe** <sup>11</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ their work and will <sup>12</sup>**care** \_\_\_\_\_ your situation.

Love,  
Laura

2 Read the text about "Generation Y." How does the writer answer questions 1–3: yes or no?

## MILLENNIALS: more to them than meets the eye?



When older people think of millennials, also known as "Generation Y," a few images often come to mind: lazy, living in their parents' basement, and addicted to social media. It's easy to get things wrong about those born from 1980 to 1995. Here are three common stereotypes.

1 Is it true that they need constant encouragement?

YES NO

Research shows most millennials feel they are entitled to regular, immediate feedback from their managers, as opposed to formal reviews. This comes as no surprise. As they were growing up, millennials were constantly evaluated in school and taught how to improve their skills – perhaps more than their parents ever were. So, if millennials are constantly seeking regular feedback, \_\_\_\_\_.

2 Do they care about owning a home?

YES NO

Some of my friends in their 20s say, "\_\_\_\_\_ and all the work that comes with it. I'd rather spend my time – and money – doing something I actually enjoy." Fair enough. I'm not sure that's representative of most millennials, though. According to a recent survey, nearly 70% of those aged 18–34 want to own a home and still haven't bought one simply because they can't afford it.

3 Have they given up on marriage?

YES NO

It seems that in some countries, at least, people are waiting longer to get married. At one time, young people in the U.S., for example, used to get married in their early 20s. Last year, the average age was 28. But just because millennials are putting off getting married doesn't mean they have no interest in marriage. Some are waiting to marry until they're more financially secure. Or maybe \_\_\_\_\_ of being married. That can take a while!

3 A Fill in the blanks in the text with a–d below. There is one extra item. Write the number in the box.

- a I'd never get used to a big house  
 b they're still getting used to the idea  
 c they were not used to long-term relationships  
 d that's because they're used to it

B Which underlined expressions in exercise 3A mean:

1 be accustomed to?

a      b      c      d

2 become accustomed to?

a      b      c      d