

A nice of you, nice to me

nice / kind / good / generous / polite / honest / stupid / silly etc. **OF** somebody (to do something)

- Thank you. It was very **nice of** you to help me.
- It was **stupid of** me to go out without a coat in such cold weather.

(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** something

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

pleased / satisfied / happy / delighted / disappointed **WITH** something you get or experience

- 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 / BY** something

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

impressed WITH / 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 OF something

- Come on, let's go! I'm **tired 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 / ABOUT something you did or caused

- I'm **sorry for** shouting at you yesterday. (or **sorry about** shouting)
- Sorry for** the delay. (or **Sorry about** the delay)

You can also say 'I'm sorry I (did something)':

- I'm **sorry I shouted** at you yesterday.

feel / be sorry FOR somebody in a bad situation

- I **feel sorry for** Mark. He's had a lot of bad luck. (not I feel sorry about Mark)



Preposition + -ing → Unit 60 Adjective + to ... → Unit 65 sorry to / sorry for ... → Unit 66C
 Adjective + preposition 2 → Unit 131

Exercises

130.1 Complete the sentences using **nice of ...**, **kind of ...** etc.

- 1 Tom offered to drive me to the airport.
- 2 I needed money and Lisa gave me some.
- 3 They didn't invite us to their party.
- 4 Can I help you with your luggage?
- 5 Kevin never says 'thank you'.
- 6 They've had an argument and now they refuse to speak to each other.

(nice)
That was nice of him.

(generous)
That was generous of her.

(not very nice)
That wasn't very nice of her.

(very kind)
That's very kind of her.

(not very polite)
That isn't very polite of her.

(a bit childish)
That's a bit childish of her.

130.2 Complete the sentences using an adjective + preposition. Choose from:

amazed angry bored careless excited impressed kind nervous

- 1 Are you nervous about the exam?
- 2 Thank you for all you've done. You've been very kind to me.
- 3 What have I done wrong? Why are you angry with me?
- 4 You must be very excited about your trip next week. It sounds really great.
- 5 I wasn't impressed with the service in the restaurant. We had to wait ages.
- 6 Ben isn't very happy at college. He says he's bored with the course he's doing.
- 7 I'd never seen so many people before. I was amazed at the crowds.
- 8 It was careless of you to leave the car unlocked while you were shopping.

130.3 Put in the correct preposition.

- 1 They were delighted with the present I gave them.
- 2 It was nice for you to come and see me when I was ill.
- 3 Why are you always so rude to people? Why can't you be more polite?
- 4 We always have the same food every day. I'm fed up with it.
- 5 We had a good holiday, but we were disappointed at the hotel.
- 6 I can't understand people who are cruel to animals.
- 7 I was surprised at the way he behaved. It was completely out of character.
- 8 I've been trying to learn Japanese, but I'm not very satisfied with my progress.
- 9 Tanya doesn't look very well. I'm worried about her.
- 10 I'm sorry for yesterday. I completely forgot we'd arranged to meet.
- 11 There's no point in feeling sorry for yourself. It won't help you.
- 12 Are you still upset about what I said to you yesterday?
- 13 Some people say Kate is unfriendly, but she's always been very nice to me.
- 14 I'm tired of doing the same thing every day. I need a change.
- 15 We interviewed ten people for the job, and we weren't impressed with any of them.
- 16 Vicky is annoyed with me because I didn't agree with her.
- 17 I'm sorry for the smell in this room. I've just finished painting it.
- 18 I was shocked at what I saw. I'd never seen anything like it before.
- 19 Jack is sorry for what he did. He won't do it again.
- 20 The hotel was incredibly expensive. I was amazed at the price of a room.
- 21 Paul made the wrong decision. It was honest of him to admit it.
- 22 You've been very generous to me. You've helped me a lot.
- 23 Our neighbours were very angry with the noise we made.
- 24 Our neighbours were furious with us for making so much noise.