Unit **130**

Adjective + preposition 1

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**
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Exercises

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

1	Tom offered to drive me to the airport.	(nice) That was nice of him.
2	I needed money and Lisa gave me some.	(generous) That ..... her.
3	They didn't invite us to their party.	(not very nice) That wasn't .....
4	Can I help you with your luggage?	(very kind) That's .....
5	Kevin never says 'thank you'.	(not very polite) That isn't .....
6	They've had an argument and now they refuse to speak to each other.	(a bit childish) That's a bit .....

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

→ **Additional exercise 35** (page 322)

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