

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*)

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*)

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

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| 1 | Tom offered to drive me to the airport. | (nice)
That was <u>nice of him</u> . |
| 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

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

130.3 Put in the correct preposition.

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