

Adjective + preposition 1

A

It was **nice of** you to ...

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

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

but

(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** a situation

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

pleased / satisfied / happy / delighted / disappointed **WITH** something you receive, or the result of something

- ☐ 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** or **BY** something

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

impressed **WITH** or **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 / sick **OF** something

- ☐ Come on, let's go! I'm **tired of** waiting. / I'm **sick 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** or **ABOUT** something you did

- ☐ Alex is very **sorry for** what he said. (*or sorry about* what he said)
- ☐ I'm **sorry for** shouting at you yesterday. (*or sorry about* shouting)

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

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

feel / be sorry **FOR** somebody who is in a bad situation

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

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

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| 1 | I went out in the cold without a coat. | (silly) That was silly of you. |
| 2 | Tom offered to drive me to the airport. | (nice) That was him. |
| 3 | I needed money and Sue gave me some. | (generous) That |
| 4 | They didn't invite us to their party. | (not very nice) That wasn't |
| 5 | Can I help you with your luggage? | (very kind) |
| 6 | Kevin never says 'thank you'. | (not very polite) |
| 7 | They've had an argument and now they refuse to speak to each other. | (a bit childish) |

130.2 Complete the sentences using these adjectives + a preposition:

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 before our food arrived.
- 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 door unlocked when you went out.

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 so rude people? Why can't you be more polite?
- We always have the same food every day. I'm fed up it.
- We enjoyed our holiday, but we were a bit 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 Spanish, but I'm not very satisfied my progress.
- Tanya doesn't look very well. I'm worried her.
- They told me they were sorry the situation, but there was nothing they could do.
- I wouldn't like to be in her position. I feel sorry her.
- 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.
- The man we interviewed for the job was intelligent and we were impressed the way he answered our questions.
- I'm sorry the smell of paint in this room. I've just finished redecorating it.
- I was shocked what I saw. I'd never seen anything like it before.
- Our neighbours were very angry the noise we made.
- Our neighbours were furious us making so much noise.
- I'm sorry what I did. I hope you're not angry me.