

Adjective + preposition 2

A

Adjective + of (1)

afraid / frightened / terrified / scared OF ...

- ☐ 'Are you **afraid of** spiders?' 'Yes, I'm **terrified of** them.'

fond / proud / ashamed / jealous / envious OF ...

- ☐ Why are you always so **jealous of** other people?

suspicious / critical / tolerant OF ...

- ☐ He didn't trust me. He was **suspicious of** my motives.

B

Adjective + of (2)

aware / conscious OF ...

- ☐ 'Did you know he was married?' 'No, I wasn't **aware of** that.'

capable / incapable OF ...

- ☐ I'm sure you are **capable of** passing the examination.

full / short OF ...

- ☐ Amy is a very active person. She's always **full of** energy.
☐ I'm **short of** money. Can you lend me some?

typical OF ...

- ☐ He's late again. It's **typical of** him to keep everybody waiting.

certain / sure OF or ABOUT ...

- ☐ I think she's arriving this evening, but I'm not **sure of** that. or ... not **sure about** that.

C

Adjective + at / to / from / in / on / with / for

good / bad / brilliant / better / hopeless etc. AT ...

- ☐ I'm not very **good at** repairing things. (*not* good in repairing things)

married / engaged TO ...

- ☐ Louise is **married to** an American. (*not* married with)

but Louise is married **with three children**. (= she is married and has three children)

similar TO ...

- ☐ Your writing is **similar to** mine.

different FROM or different TO ...

- ☐ The film was **different from** what I'd expected. or ... **different to** what I'd expected.

interested IN ...

- ☐ Are you **interested in** art?

keen ON ...

- ☐ We stayed at home because Chris wasn't very **keen on** going out.

dependent ON ... (*but independent OF* ...)

- ☐ I don't want to be **dependent on** anybody.

crowded WITH (people etc.)

- ☐ The streets were **crowded with** tourists. (*but* ... **full of** tourists)

famous FOR ...

- ☐ The Italian city of Florence is **famous for** its art treasures.

responsible FOR ...

- ☐ Who was **responsible for** all that noise last night?

Exercises

131.1 Complete the sentences using these adjectives + the correct preposition:

afraid capable different interested proud responsible similar -sure

- 1 I think she's arriving this evening, but I'm not sure of that.
- 2 Your camera is mine, but it isn't exactly the same.
- 3 Don't worry. I'll look after you. There's nothing to be
- 4 I never watch the news on TV. I'm not the news.
- 5 The editor is the person who is what appears in a newspaper.
- 6 Sarah is a keen gardener. She's very her garden and loves showing it to visitors.
- 7 I was surprised when I met Lisa for the first time. She was what I expected.
- 8 He could become world champion one day. He's it.

131.2 Complete the second sentence so that it means the same as the first.

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| 1 There were lots of tourists in the streets. | The streets were crowded <u>with tourists</u> . |
| 2 There was a lot of furniture in the room. | The room was full |
| 3 I don't like sport very much. | I'm not very keen |
| 4 We don't have enough time. | We're short |
| 5 I'm not a very good tennis player. | I'm not very good |
| 6 Catherine's husband is Russian. | Catherine is married |
| 7 I don't trust Robert. | I'm suspicious |
| 8 My problem is not the same as yours. | My problem is different |

131.3 Put in the correct preposition.

- 1 Amy is always full of energy.
- 2 My home town is not a very interesting place. It's not famous anything.
- 3 Kate is very fond her younger brother.
- 4 I don't like going up ladders. I'm scared heights.
- 5 You look bored. You don't seem interested what I'm saying.
- 6 'Our flight departs at 10.35.' 'Are you sure that?'
- 7 I'm not ashamed what I did. In fact I'm quite proud it.
- 8 I wanted to go out for a meal, but nobody else was keen the idea.
- 9 These days everybody is aware the dangers of smoking.
- 10 The station platform was crowded people waiting for the train.
- 11 Sue is much more successful than I am. Sometimes I feel a bit jealous her.
- 12 Do you know anyone who might be interested buying an old car?
- 13 We've got plenty to eat. The fridge is full food.
- 14 She's very honest. I don't think she is capable telling a lie.
- 15 Helen works hard and she's extremely good her job.
- 16 It's typical him to change his mind at the last minute.
- 17 Mark has no money of his own. He's totally dependent his parents.
- 18 We're short staff in our office at the moment. We need more people to do the work.

131.4 Write sentences about yourself. Are you good at these things or not? Use the following:

good pretty good not very good hopeless

- 1 (repairing things) I'm not very good at repairing things.
- 2 (telling jokes)
- 3 (maths)
- 4 (remembering names)
- 5 (sport)