

97 Adjectives with prepositions

You are more **liable to** injury if you don't warm up before exercise.

The air traffic controllers appear **intent on** causing maximum disruption, and most flights will be **subject to** long delays.

Some of the new computers are no longer **compatible with** existing software and, as a result, technological problems are now **inherent in** the system.

Some of the workers remain **resistant to** change, but they are no longer **representative of** the majority.

Jasmina is **dedicated to** her husband; he is totally **dependent on** her.

I am very **sceptical of** the claim that a single vaccination could make people **immune to** a wide range of diseases.

Eight kilometres is roughly **equivalent to** five miles.

GLOSSARY

liable (to sth)	likely to be affected by sth	representative of sth/sb	typical of a particular group or thing
intent (on/upon sth / doing sth)	determined to do sth	dedicated (to sb/sth)	working hard at sth because it is very important to you
subject (to sth)	likely to be affected by sth, especially sth bad	dependent on sb/sth	needing sb/sth in order to survive or be successful
compatible (with sth)	able to be used or exist with sth without causing problems	sceptical (of/about sth/sb)	having doubts that a claim or statement is true or that sth will happen
inherent (in sth/sb)	that is a basic or permanent part of sth/sb and that cannot be removed	immune (to sth)	that cannot catch or be affected by a particular illness or disease
resistant (to sth)	opposed to sth and not wanting it to happen	equivalent to sth	equal in number amount etc, to sth else

1 Underline the stress on these words. Use the to help you.

intent subject compatible inherent resistant liable
representative dedicated dependent sceptical immune

2 Complete the prepositions.

- 1 She's dedicated her job.
- 2 I'm sceptical this article.
- 3 Is he representative the group?
- 4 Why is he so dependent them?
- 5 The timetable is subject change.
- 6 He's intent completing this task.
- 7 20% is equivalent a fifth.
- 8 The company is resistant new ideas.
- 9 This app is not compatible my device.
- 10 There are risks inherent his plan.

3 True or false? Write T or F. If false, say why.

- 1 Someone who is immune to a disease has a good chance of getting it.
- 2 A feature which is inherent in a system can be removed from it.
- 3 Software which is compatible with a computer can easily be used with it.
- 4 Someone who is dedicated to their work usually leaves the office early.
- 5 If an agreement is subject to approval, it is definitely going to happen.
- 6 If someone is dependent on you, they need you to help them survive.
- 7 A qualification that is equivalent to a degree is higher than a degree.
- 8 An area which is liable to flooding is very likely to flood.

4 Replace the underlined words with an adjective and preposition. Make any other changes that are necessary.

- 1 Transport in this area is likely to be affected by disruption because of road works.
- 2 Some of the players were opposed to the system brought in by the new manager.
- 3 Because of vaccinations, most people are unlikely to catch measles.
- 4 2.5cm is the same as one inch.
- 5 The manager is determined to ensure that the players are well looked after.
- 6 I'm rather doubtful about conspiracy theories: the world just isn't that well organized.
- 7 Do you think the results of the survey are typical of the population as a whole?
- 8 Some of the techniques are basic features of this particular art form.

