4E Word Skills

Adjective + preposition

I can use adjective + preposition collocations.

1 Choose the correct prepositions.

1 popular **to / with**
2 bad **on / for**
3 responsible **for / about**
4 keen **on / with**
5 used **about / to**
6 worried **about / with**

2 Complete the text with the adjectives and prepositions in exercise 1.

Vending machines in a school

Advertising IN SCHOOLS

A lot of parents and teachers are [1]_____ _____ advertising in schools. Some food companies put up posters in schools and give leaflets to the students. Some companies give sports equipment to schools if students buy a lot of chocolate bars or crisps. Of course, a lot of students are [2]_____ these snacks and are happy to buy them. In some schools there are vending machines. These machines sell drinks and snacks that are [3]_____ teenagers – they love them! But the drinks and food are also [4]_____ your health, and some people say they are [5]_____ _____ obesity in children. Other people say that students are [6]_____ advertisements and the students don't buy more snacks and drinks because of them.

3 Complete the sentences with the adjectives below.

bad disappointed full good kind

1 Fruit and vegetables are _____ for your health.
2 I'm good at science, but _____ at art and music.
3 These snacks are _____ of sugar and salt.
4 Always try to be _____ to other people.
5 I'm very _____ with my exam results.

4 Complete the sentences with the prepositions below.

at for in of (x2)

1 Are you interested _____ art and photography?
2 Josh is afraid _____ spiders! He hates them!
3 France is famous _____ its cheese and wine.
4 Thank you for your help. It's very kind _____ you.
5 I like maths, but I'm not very good _____ it.

VOCAB BOOST!
When you record new adjectives, record any prepositions that go with them. You can find this information in a dictionary, often in the example sentences.

5 Read the *Vocab boost!* box. Then look at the dictionary entries below and note down the prepositions that go with these adjectives.

1 proud _____
2 late _____
3 similar _____
4 excited _____
5 bored _____

bored /bɔːd/ *adjective* not interested; unhappy because you have nothing interesting to do: *I'm **bored with** this book.*

excited /ɪkˈsaɪtɪd/ *adjective* not calm, for example because you're happy about something that's going to happen: *He's getting very **excited about** his holiday.*

similar /ˈsɪmələ(r)/ *adjective* the same in some ways, but not completely the same: *Rats are **similar to** mice, but they are bigger.*

proud /praʊd/ *adjective* pleased about something that you or others have done: *They are **proud of** their new house.*

late /leɪt/ *adjective, adverb* after the usual or right time: *I was **late for** school today.*

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