ADJECTIVES FOLLOWED BY PREPOSITIONS – COMPOUND ADJECTIVES

1 **Fill in each space in the following sentences with an appropriate adjective. Add a preposition to each adjective. The first one has been done for you.**

Example: The jury found him guilty of murdering the old lady.

~~guilty~~ *involved* *disappointed* *engaged* *typical* *interested*
amused *good* *right* *shocked* *absent* *proud* *ashamed* *different*
famous *crowded*

1 Stop hitting that little boy – you should be ..... yourself!
2 I used to love watching football but I'm just not ..... it anymore.
3 You've been ..... so many classes that you'll have to repeat the year.
4 It's ..... him to arrive late – he's always doing it.
5 I'm afraid I'm not ..... his jokes – I find them in bad taste.
6 We were ..... this restaurant – the service was so slow.
7 He got ..... many clubs and societies and had no time to study.
8 He used such bad language I was really ..... what I heard.
9 Life in the south countries is very ..... life in the north countries. I prefer it.
10 He's very ..... maths and physics but hopeless at languages.
11 Greece is ..... the Parthenon and its beautiful islands.
12 The streets were ..... shoppers and you could hardly move.
13 You were ..... the party – you said it would be great fun.
14 She was ..... John for a long time but then she married someone else!
15 Well done for passing the exam! We're so ..... you.

2 **Underline the correct answer A, B, C or D to fill the spaces 1–5.**

1 I'm so sorry ..... your bereavement.
A about **B** by **C** at **D** with
2 Jackie was furious ..... Gary for being late again.
A towards **B** at **C** for **D** with
3 Don't ask me to play – I'm useless ..... computer games.
A with **B** at **C** in **D** about
4 This new washing machine is completely different ..... the other one.
A from **B** to **C** on **D** with
5 I'm afraid I'm not very keen ..... boiled cabbage.
A towards **B** to **C** on **D** for

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1 **Match items from the two lists to make 20 compound adjectives. You need to use some words more than once.**

broad	*minded*
narrow	*built*
well	*dressed*
one	*eyed*
blond	*haired*
red	*looking*
good	*handed*
bad	*tempered*
left	*hearted*
absent	*behaved*
light	*known*
open	*lipped*
thin	*fingered*
long	*legged*
kind	

3 **Fill in each space with an appropriate compound adjective formed from the words in Practice 1 opposite.**

1 Although my grandmother is eighty, she's not at all ..... . She even thinks our modern habits are better than those in her youth.
2 Change those awful clothes you're wearing. You must be ..... for your interview.
3 You may think he's ugly but I find him quite ..... .
4 When he doesn't like something he starts shouting; he's very ..... .
5 Our children are very ..... at school. The teacher never has to tell them off.
6 He never remembers anything – he's very ..... .
7 She's such a ..... television personality that almost everybody recognises her in the street.
8 I was forced to write with my right hand even though I was ..... .
9 He's very ..... – perhaps it comes from doing all that weightlifting in the gym.
10 He's not blond at all. In fact, I would say he's almost ..... .

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4 Fill in each space in the following sentences with an appropriate compound adjective formed from a word in the list.

~~free~~ distance up built made going up off conditioned class badly sighted headed

Example: I bought this CD duty-free as I was coming back from London.

1 I made a long-..... call to England and it cost me a fortune.
2 They seem to be very well-..... – at least they have a great big house and two expensive cars.
3 I'm fed..... with this exercise – can't we do something else?
4 On the train I travel second-..... because it's cheaper.
5 You can see this vase is hand-..... and wasn't produced in a factory.
6 He's a really relaxed guy – so easy-..... .
7 I live in a built-..... area of the city which is very noisy and full of traffic.
8 The office is air-..... so it's very cool, even in the summer.
9 He's so proud – I've rarely met anyone so big-..... . He has a really high opinion of himself.
10 I want to get my eyes tested – I've become really short-..... lately.
11 A ..... maintained car won't have a reliable engine.
12 There isn't much grass in the .....-up areas of the city.

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