Adjective + Preposition + Gerund

A - Study the examples and usage of adjective + preposition + gerund **combinations.**

In the video, the narrator suggests the following tip when it comes to making decisions...

*"Be **vigilant about not wasting** energy on decisions that aren't going to make a massive difference to your life."*

Some adjectives in English are used with specific prepositions (**vigilant** + **about**), and then are followed by a gerund (**verb + -ing**). If the gerund needs negation, then simply add "not" before the gerund.

EXAMPLES With my new diet, I am **committed to eating** healthily and exercising regularly.

I am **worried about NOT having** enough discipline to follow my new diet properly.

Here are some of the most common **adjective + preposition + gerund** combinations:

famous for	France is **famous for cooking** Arabian food.
proud of	He is very **proud of buying** his new car.
interested in	Julie is very **interested in playing** sports.
pleased with	John is very **pleased with not having** to wear suit and tie at work.
bad at	They are very **bad at doing** the math.
keen on	The captain wasn't **keen on having** him in the team.
good at	Einstein was very **good at formulating** theories.
excited about	I'm very **excited about not staying** home on holiday.
afraid of	I'm **afraid of going** bungee-jumping.
responsible for	A doorkeeper is **responsible for not letting** strangers enter telhe building.
shoked at	He was **shocked at not having** a second chance.
successful in	They were **successful in convincing** her to join the party.
aware of	People should be **aware of not wasting** water.

B - Rewrite each sentence below using an adjective + preposition + gerund **combination.**
Use the preposition given into parenthesis and negation where necessary.

EXAMPLE Don't be afraid to step outside your comfort zone sometimes. (of)
*Don't be **afraid of stepping** outside your comfort zone sometimes.*

1 After experiencing the benefits of a healthy lifestyle, I am keen to keep it up. (on)
After experiencing the benefits of a healthy lifestyle, I am _____ it up.

2 My friend is interested to hear my opinion on the difficult decision she is facing. (in)
My friend is _____ my opinion on the difficult decision she is facing.

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3 Don't be discouraged that you didn't get accepted to the university. (by)
Don't be _____ accepted to the university.

4 With my new job, I am concerned that I won't have as much time for my hobbies. (about)
With my new job, I am _____ as much time for my hobbies.

5 Kate is proud that she eliminated all of her bad habits from her life. (of)
Kate is _____ all of her bad habits from her life.

C- Match the sentence halves.

1 I'm pleased	a ABOUT losing my tablet.
2 I'm worried	b IN playing most online games.
3 I'm shocked	c WITH paying my new smartphone in installments.
4 I'm aware	d ON making video clips.
5 I'm keen	e AT being forced to upload certain apps so often.
6 I'm successful	f FOR running an online forum.
7 I'm responsible	g OF not being careless while exchanging information on the Internet.

D - Tick the correct prepositions.

1 Are you excited **about ( ) / for ( )** going to the party?

3 She wasn't very pleased **in ( ) / with ( )** sharing the room with her cousin.

4 Who will be responsible **about ( ) / for ( )** making the phone calls?

5 That actor is famous **for ( ) / about ( )** being extremely weird.

6 He was proud **of ( ) / for ( )** having completed the marathon.

7 The hikers were worried **about ( ) / with ( )** not having enough water.

8 She is afraid **about ( ) / of ( )** speaking in public.

9 They are good **in ( ) / at ( )** listening to people.

10 We are interested **on ( ) / in ( )** selling the house.

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