Unit 131

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?

Preposition + **-ing** → Unit 60 **Afraid of/to** ... → Unit 66A Adjective + preposition 1 → Unit 130
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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.

1 There were lots of tourists in the streets. The streets were crowded with tourists .
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) .....

→ Additional exercise 35 (page 322)

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