

## 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?

# Exercises

## 131.1 Complete the sentences using these adjectives + the correct preposition:

afraid    capable    different    interested    proud    responsible    similar    sure

- I think she's arriving this evening, but I'm not sure of that.
- Your camera is mine, but it isn't exactly the same.
- Don't worry. I'll look after you. There's nothing to be afraid of.
- I never watch the news on TV. I'm not interested in the news.
- The editor is the person who is responsible for what appears in a newspaper.
- Sarah is a keen gardener. She's very interested in her garden and loves showing it to visitors.
- I was surprised when I met Lisa for the first time. She was different from what I expected.
- He could become world champion one day. He's sure of it.

## 131.2 Complete the second sentence so that it means the same as the first.

- There were lots of tourists in the streets. The streets were crowded with tourists.
- There was a lot of furniture in the room. The room was full of furniture.
- I don't like sport very much. I'm not very keen on sport.
- We don't have enough time. We're short of time.
- I'm not a very good tennis player. I'm not very good at tennis.
- Catherine's husband is Russian. Catherine is married to a Russian.
- I don't trust Robert. I'm suspicious of Robert.
- My problem is not the same as yours. My problem is different from yours.

## 131.3 Put in the correct preposition.

- Amy is always full of energy.
- My home town is not a very interesting place. It's not famous for anything.
- Kate is very fond of her younger brother.
- I don't like going up ladders. I'm scared of heights.
- You look bored. You don't seem interested in what I'm saying.
- 'Our flight departs at 10.35.' 'Are you sure about that?'
- I'm not ashamed of what I did. In fact I'm quite proud of it.
- I wanted to go out for a meal, but nobody else was keen on the idea.
- These days everybody is aware of the dangers of smoking.
- The station platform was crowded with people waiting for the train.
- Sue is much more successful than I am. Sometimes I feel a bit jealous of her.
- Do you know anyone who might be interested in buying an old car?
- We've got plenty to eat. The fridge is full of food.
- She's very honest. I don't think she is capable of telling a lie.
- Helen works hard and she's extremely good at her job.
- It's typical of him to change his mind at the last minute.
- Mark has no money of his own. He's totally dependent on his parents.
- We're short of 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

- (repairing things) I'm not very good at repairing things.
- (telling jokes)
- (maths)
- (remembering names)
- (sport)