



ARE YOU AFRAID OF DIVING, GEORGE?

Dependent prepositions

Many nouns, verbs and adjectives are used with particular prepositions: we say dozens **of**, die **of**, afraid **of**, and also ability **at**, apologize **for**, pleased **with**. There are not many rules to help you choose correctly in these cases, so you have to learn each expression separately.



Fill in the gaps with the correct preposition. Choose from the list below.

at – in – of – with – from – to – for – into – about – between – on – after

1. Are you interested _____ poetry?
2. I won't go out! I'm afraid _____ spiders!
3. My handwriting is different _____ my mother's.
4. Mrs. Clark is very fond _____ classical music.
5. The 7.30 train was crowded _____ people!
6. She is very good _____ foreign languages.
7. Sometimes Julia is a bit jealous _____ her Mum.
8. I need a change in my life! I'm totally bored _____ my life!
9. Sara is excited _____ going to Paris.
10. Michael is brilliant _____ playing chess.
11. Mum was angry _____ me.
12. Parents are responsible _____ their children.
13. My dress is similar _____ yours.
14. My personality is different _____ yours.
15. Anne was angry _____ not going on holiday.
16. Mary is fed up _____ her job.
17. Thomas is keen _____ playing chess with his father.
18. I am fully aware _____ my duties.
19. Men are hopeless _____ ironing!
20. Sam is a little short _____ money.
21. Your quick response has prevented me _____ falling.
22. That man over there reminds me _____ somebody I know.
23. Alice got married _____ Henry.
24. Sara is used _____ waking up early.

25. There has been a worldwide increase _____ the unemployment rate.
26. The baby's reaction _____ the vaccine was extremely alarming.
27. There are many advantages _____ living in the countryside.
28. My opinion differs _____ yours.
29. There are some differences _____ British English and American English.
30. Were you invited _____ the party?
31. There's a slight connection _____ her illness and the food she has been eating.
32. It's so typical _____ him to offer roses!
33. You don't need to help me! I'm totally capable _____ doing the job myself!
34. Don't shout _____ me! It was not my fault!
35. You don't need to shout _____ me! I can hear quite well.
36. Sally complained _____ her mother _____ Peter's behaviour.
37. I'm looking _____ my purse. I don't know where I left it.
38. I'm looking _____ my two-year-old cousin.
39. Susie is applying _____ her new job this week.
40. I've just read a book _____ teenage depression.
41. Take good care _____ yourself!
42. Would you please translate this _____ Portuguese?
43. Kevin has succeeded _____ his job.