

## Adjective + preposition

*I can use the correct prepositions after adjectives.*

## 1 Circle the correct prepositions.

- 1 His eyes are very sensitive **at** / **to** bright lights.
- 2 Are you excited **about** / **for** your holiday?
- 3 She wasn't very pleased **in** / **with** her present.
- 4 Don't worry, nobody is angry **about** / **with** you.
- 5 I want 90%, but I'd be satisfied **for** / **with** 75%.
- 6 Who is responsible **about** / **for** all this mess?
- 7 I'm not familiar **to** / **with** this part of town, so it's easy to get lost.
- 8 If you were dissatisfied **from** / **with** your hotel room, you should have complained.

2 Complete the text with *about, at, in, of, on, to, or with*.

Scientists have been aware <sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ technology addictions for many years, but now there is a new kind: recently a man needed treatment after becoming addicted <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ Google Glass.

The 31-year-old American man visited a clinic in the USA because he was worried <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ an alcohol addiction. He had to take off his Google Glass when he arrived – and doctors were shocked <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ his reaction. He suffered withdrawal symptoms which were very similar <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ drug or alcohol withdrawal.

Originally, the man had become keen <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ Google Glass because it helped him to become better <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ his job. He gradually became more and more obsessed <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ the device. However, he also began to feel unhappy <sup>9</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ the effect that it was having on his mood: he became bad-tempered and forgetful when he was not wearing it. The device was helping him to be successful <sup>10</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ his job, but it was harmful <sup>11</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ the rest of his life.

At first, the doctors at the clinic were curious <sup>12</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ one symptom: the man kept tapping the right side of his head with his finger. The man later explained that this was how you changed the view on Google Glass.

## 3 Tick the best summary of the text in exercise 2.

- a A man in the USA developed an addiction to Google Glass while he was receiving treatment for another addiction. ☐
- b A man in the USA became addicted to Google Glass after using it at work. ☐
- c A man in the USA found it so difficult to break his addiction to Google Glass that he developed an alcohol addiction. ☐

## 4 Complete the questions with a preposition. Then write true answers about yourself.

- 1 Which friend or family member do you get angry \_\_\_\_\_ most often?
- \_\_\_\_\_

- 2 What kinds of thing do you get angry \_\_\_\_\_?
- \_\_\_\_\_

- 3 In what ways can social media be harmful \_\_\_\_\_ teenagers?
- \_\_\_\_\_

- 4 Which gadget are you most likely to become addicted \_\_\_\_\_, in your opinion? Why?
- \_\_\_\_\_

## VOCAB BOOST!

Dictionaries often use abbreviations so that they can include a lot of information in a small space. Common abbreviations used in dictionaries include:

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| abbr (abbreviation)   | etc. (and so on)       |
| prep (preposition)    | pron (pronoun)         |
| sing (singular)       | pl (plural)            |
| pt (past tense)       | pp (past participle)   |
| C (countable noun)    | U (uncountable noun)   |
| BrE (British English) | AmE (American English) |

5 Read the *Vocab boost!* box. Then study the dictionary entry and write the abbreviations below in full.

**appropriate** /ə'prəʊpriət/ *adj* **appropriate** (for/to sth/sb) suitable or right for a particular situation, person, use, etc.: *The matter will be dealt with by the appropriate authorities.* ♦ *I don't think this film is appropriate for young children.* **OPP inappropriate** > **appropriately** *adv*

- 1 *adj* \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 *sth* \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 *sb* \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 **OPP** \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 *adv* \_\_\_\_\_