

Adjective + preposition 1

A

It was nice of you to ...

nice / kind / good / generous / polite / stupid / silly etc. **OF** somebody (to do something)

- ☐ Thank you. It was very **kind of** you to help me.
- ☐ It is **stupid of** me to go out without a coat in such cold weather.

but (be) nice / kind / good / generous / polite / rude / friendly / cruel etc. **TO** somebody

- ☐ They have always been very **nice to** me. (*not* with me)
- ☐ Why were you so **unfriendly to** Lucy?

B

Adjective + about / with

angry / annoyed / furious { **ABOUT** something
 WITH somebody **FOR** doing something

- ☐ It's stupid to get **angry about** things that don't matter.
- ☐ Are you **annoyed with** me **for** being late?

excited / worried / upset / nervous / happy etc. **ABOUT** a situation

- ☐ Are you **excited about** going away next week?
- ☐ Lisa is **upset about** not being invited to the party.

delighted / pleased / satisfied / happy / disappointed **WITH** something you receive, or the result of something

- ☐ I was **delighted with** the present you gave me.
- ☐ Were you **happy with** your exam results?

C

Adjective + at / by / with

surprised / shocked / amazed / astonished **AT / BY** something

- ☐ Everybody was **surprised AT (or BY)** the news.
- ☐ I hope you weren't **shocked BY (or AT)** what I said.

impressed **WITH / BY** somebody/something

- ☐ I'm very **impressed with (or by)** her English. It's very good.

fed up / bored **WITH** something

- ☐ I don't enjoy my job any more. I'm **fed up with** it. / I'm **bored with** it.

D

Sorry about / for

sorry **ABOUT** a situation or something that happened

- ☐ I'm **sorry about** the mess. I'll clear it up later.
- ☐ We're all **sorry about** Julie losing her job.

sorry **FOR / ABOUT** something you did

- ☐ Alex is very **sorry for** what he said. (*or* **sorry about** what he said)
- ☐ I'm **sorry for** shouting at you yesterday. (*or* **sorry about** shouting)

You can also say 'I'm sorry I (did something)':

- ☐ I'm **sorry I shouted** at you yesterday.

feel / be sorry **FOR** somebody who is in a bad situation

- ☐ I **feel sorry for** Matt. He's had a lot of bad luck. (*not* I feel sorry about Matt)

Exercises

Unit 130

130.1 Write sentences using nice of ... , kind of ... etc.

- 1 I went out in the cold without a coat.
- 2 Sue offered to drive me to the airport.
- 3 I needed money and Tom gave me some.
- 4 They didn't invite us to their party.
- 5 Can I help you with your luggage?
- 6 Kevin didn't thank me for the present.
- 7 They've had an argument and now they refuse to speak to each other.

- (silly) That was silly of you.
- (nice) That was her.
- (generous) That
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- (not very nice) That
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- (very kind) you.
- (not very polite)
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- (a bit childish)
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130.2 Complete the sentences using the following adjectives + the correct preposition:

annoyed annoyed astonished bored ~~excited~~ impressed kind sorry

- 1 Are you excited about going away next week?
- 2 Thank you for all your help. You've been very me.
- 3 I wouldn't like to be in her position. I feel her.
- 4 What have I done wrong? Why are you me?
- 5 Why do you always get so things that don't matter?
- 6 I wasn't very the service in the restaurant. We had to wait ages before our food arrived.
- 7 Ben isn't very happy at college. He says he's the course he's doing.
- 8 I had never seen so many people before. I was the crowds.

130.3 Put in the correct preposition.

- 1 I was delighted with the present you gave me.
- 2 It was very nice you to do my shopping for me. Thank you very much.
- 3 Why are you always so rude your parents? Can't you be nice them?
- 4 It was careless you to leave the door unlocked when you went out.
- 5 They didn't reply to our letter, which wasn't very polite them.
- 6 We always have the same food every day. I'm fed up it.
- 7 I can't understand people who are cruel animals.
- 8 We enjoyed our holiday, but we were a bit disappointed the hotel.
- 9 I was surprised the way he behaved. It was completely out of character.
- 10 I've been trying to learn Spanish, but I'm not very satisfied my progress.
- 11 Linda doesn't look very well. I'm worried her.
- 12 Are you angry what happened?
- 13 I'm sorry what I did. I hope you're not angry me.
- 14 The people next door are furious us making so much noise last night.
- 15 Jill starts her new job next week. She's quite excited it.
- 16 I'm sorry the smell of paint in this room. I've just decorated it.
- 17 I was shocked what I saw. I'd never seen anything like it before.
- 18 The man we interviewed for the job was intelligent, but we weren't very impressed his appearance.
- 19 Are you still upset what I said to you yesterday?
- 20 He said he was sorry the situation, but there was nothing he could do.
- 21 I felt sorry the children when we went on holiday. It rained every day and they had to spend most of the time indoors.