

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 intentions.

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** ...

- ☐ The letter I wrote was full of mistakes. (*not* full with)
- ☐ I'm a bit short of money. Can you lend me some?

typical **OF** ...

- ☐ He's late again. It's typical of him to keep everybody waiting.

tired / sick **OF** ...

- ☐ Come on, let's go! I'm tired of waiting. (= I've had enough of waiting.)

certain / sure **OF** or **ABOUT** ...

- ☐ I think she's arriving this evening, but I'm not sure of that. or ... 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** ...

- ☐ Linda is married to an American. (*not* married with)

but Linda 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?

131.1 Complete the second sentence so that it has the same meaning as the first.

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| 1 There were lots of tourists in the streets. | The streets were crowded <u>with tourists</u> . |
| 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 a bit 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 |

131.2 Complete the sentences using the following adjectives + the correct preposition:

afraid 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
- I never watch the news on television. I'm not the news.
- The editor is the person who is what appears in a newspaper.
- Sarah is a keen gardener. She's very her garden and loves showing it to visitors.
- I was surprised when I met Lisa for the first time. She was what I expected.

131.3 Put in the correct preposition.

- The letter I wrote was full of mistakes.
- My home town is not an especially interesting place. It's not famous anything.
- Kate is very fond her younger brother.
- I don't like going up ladders. I'm scared heights.
- You look bored. You don't seem interested what I'm saying.
- Did you know that Liz is engaged a friend of mine?
- I'm not ashamed what I did. In fact I'm quite proud it.
- I suggested that we should all go out for a meal, but nobody else was keen the idea.
- These days everybody is aware the dangers of smoking.
- The station platform was crowded people waiting for the train.
- Sue is much more successful than I am. Sometimes I feel a bit jealous her.
- I'm tired doing the same thing every day. I need a change.
- Do you know anyone who might be interested buying an old car?
- We've got plenty to eat. The fridge is full food.
- She is a very honest person. I don't think she is capable telling a lie.
- Helen works hard and she's extremely good her job.
- I'm not surprised he changed his mind at the last moment. That's typical him.
- Mark has no money of his own. He's totally dependent his parents.
- 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 quite good not very good hopeless

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