

Adjective + Preposition (1)

A

It was nice of you to . . .

nice/kind/good/generous/polite/silly/stupid OF somebody (to do something):

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

but: (be) **nice/kind/good/generous/polite/friendly/cruel TO somebody:**

- They have always been very **nice/kind to me**. (*not with me*)

B

Adjective + about/with/at

mad/angry/furious/annoyed/upset ABOUT something:

- Max is really **angry** about what his brother said.

mad AT somebody

angry/furious AT/WITH somebody } **FOR** doing something

annoyed/upset WITH somebody

- Are you **mad at me** for being late?
- Pat's pretty **upset with me** for forgetting her birthday.

excited/worried/nervous/happy ABOUT something:

- Carol is **worried about** not having enough money.

pleased/satisfied/disappointed WITH something:

- Were you **disappointed with** your paycheck?



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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 like my job anymore. I'm **fed up with it**. / I'm **bored with it**.

D

sorry about/for

sorry ABOUT something:

- I'm **sorry about** the noise last night.
We were having a party.

but: sorry FOR doing something:

- I'm **sorry for shouting** at you yesterday.

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

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

We say "feel/be sorry FOR somebody":

- I **feel sorry for** George. He has a lot of problems.

I'm sorry about the noise last night.



Exercises

126.1 Write sentences using the words in parentheses.

1. I went out in the cold without a coat.
2. Sue offered to drive me to the airport.
3. I needed money, and Sam gave me some.
4. Can I help you with your luggage?
5. Kevin didn't thank me for the present.
6. 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 _____ .
(very kind) _____ you.
(not very polite) _____
(a little childish) _____

126.2 Complete the sentences using one of the following adjectives + the correct preposition:

annoyed annoyed astonished bored excited impressed kind sorry

1. We're all *excited about* _____ going on vacation 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 for our food to come.
7. John isn't happy at college. He says he's _____ the classes he's taking.
8. I had never seen so many people before. I was _____ the crowds.

126.3 Put in the correct preposition.

1. I was very happy *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. We always have the same food every day. I'm fed up _____ it.
6. I can't understand people who are cruel _____ animals.
7. We enjoyed our vacation, but we were a little disappointed _____ the hotel.
8. I was surprised _____ the way he behaved. It was completely out of character.
9. I've been trying to learn Spanish, but I'm not very satisfied _____ my progress.
10. Linda doesn't look very well. I'm worried _____ her.
11. Are you angry _____ what happened?
12. I'm sorry _____ what I said. I hope you're not mad _____ me.
13. The people next door are furious _____ us _____ making so much noise last night.
14. Jill starts her new job next week. She's quite excited _____ it.
15. I'm sorry _____ the smell of paint in this room. I just painted it.
16. I was shocked _____ what I saw. I'd never seen anything like it before.
17. The man we interviewed for the job was intelligent, but we weren't very impressed _____ his appearance.
18. Are you still upset _____ what I said to you yesterday?
19. He said he was sorry _____ the situation, but there was nothing he could do.
20. I felt sorry _____ the children when we were on vacation. It rained every day, and they had to spend most of the time inside.