

Adjective + Preposition (2)

A

Adjective + of (1)

afraid/frightened/terrified/scared OF . . . :

- "Are you afraid of dogs?" "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 little 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 tonight, but I'm not sure of that. (*or* sure about that)

C

Adjective + at/to/from/in/on/with/for

good/bad/excellent/hopeless 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* THAN) . . . :

- The movie was different from (*or* different than) what I'd expected.

interested IN . . . :

- Are you interested in art?

dependent ON . . . (*but* independent OF . . .):

- I don't want to be dependent on anybody.

crowded WITH (people, etc.):

- The city was 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?

Exercises

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

1. There were lots of tourists in the city. The city was crowded with tourists.
2. There was a lot of furniture in the room. The room was full _____.
3. I'm not a very good tennis player. I'm not very good _____.
4. I don't like sports very much. I'm not very fond _____.
5. Catherine's husband is Russian. Catherine is married _____.
6. We don't have enough time. We're a little short _____.
7. My problem is not the same as yours. My problem is different _____.
8. I don't trust Robert. I'm suspicious _____.

127.2 Complete the sentences with one of the following adjectives + the correct preposition:

afraid different interested proud responsible similar sure

1. I think she's arriving tonight, but I'm not sure of _____ that.
2. Your camera is _____ mine, but it isn't exactly the same.
3. Don't worry. I'll take care of you. There's nothing to be _____.
4. I never watch the news on TV. I'm not _____ it.
5. The editor is the person who is _____ what appears in a newspaper.
6. Mrs. Davis loves gardening. She's very _____ her garden and loves showing it to visitors.
7. I was surprised when I met her for the first time. She was _____ what I expected.

127.3 Put in the correct preposition.

1. The letter I wrote was full of mistakes.
2. My hometown is not especially interesting. It's not famous _____ anything.
3. Kate is very fond _____ her younger brother.
4. I don't like climbing ladders. I'm afraid _____ heights.
5. You look bored. You don't seem interested _____ what I'm saying.
6. Did you know that Liz is engaged _____ a friend of mine?
7. I'm not ashamed _____ what I did. In fact I'm quite proud _____ it.
8. These days everybody is aware _____ the dangers of smoking.
9. The station platform was crowded _____ people waiting for the train.
10. She's much more successful than I am. Sometimes I feel a little jealous _____ her.
11. I'm tired _____ doing the same thing every day. I need a change.
12. Do you know anyone who might be interested _____ buying an old car?
13. She is a very honest person. I don't think she is capable _____ telling a lie.
14. We've got plenty to eat. The fridge is full _____ food.
15. Our house is similar _____ yours. Perhaps yours is a little larger.
16. John has no money of his own. He's totally dependent _____ his parents.
17. I'm not surprised she changed her mind at the last moment. That's typical _____ her.

127.4 Write sentences about yourself. Are you good at these things or not? Use:

very good pretty good not very good hopeless

1. (repairing things) I'm not very good at repairing things.
2. (telling jokes) _____
3. (mathematics) _____
4. (remembering names) _____