

Unit 123 Adjective + preposition (1)

Study these groups of *adjectives + preposition*. Sometimes other prepositions are possible - a good dictionary will give you more information.

nice/kind/good/generous/mean/stupid/silly/intelligent/clever/sensible/
(im)polite/rude/unreasonable OF someone (to do something):

- Thank you. It was very nice/kind of you to help me.
- It's stupid of her to go out without a coat. She'll catch cold.

but: (to be) nice/kind/good/generous/mean/(im)polite/rude/(un)pleasant/
(un)friendly/cruel TO someone:

- She has always been very nice/kind to me. (*not* 'with me')
- Why were you so rude/unfriendly to Ann?

angry/annoyed/furious || ABOUT something
WITH someone FOR doing something:

- What are you so angry/annoyed about?
- They were furious with me for not inviting them to the party.

delighted/pleased/satisfied/disappointed WITH something:

- I was delighted/pleased with the present you gave me.
- Were you disappointed with your examination results?

bored/fed up WITH something:

- You get bored/fed up with doing the same thing every day.

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

- Everybody was surprised/shocked at/by the news.

excited/worried/upset ABOUT something:

- Are you excited about going on holiday next week?
- Ann is upset about not being invited to the party.

afraid/frightened/terrified/scared OF someone/something:

- 'Are you afraid of dogs?' 'Yes, I'm terrified of them.'

proud/ashamed OF someone/something:

- I'm not ashamed of what I did. In fact I'm quite proud of it.

jealous/envious/suspicious OF someone/something:

- Why are you always so jealous of other people?
- He didn't trust me. He was suspicious of my intentions.

aware/conscious OF something:

- 'Did you know they were married?' 'No, I wasn't aware of that.'

good/bad/excellent/brilliant/hopeless AT (doing) something:

- I'm not very good at repairing things.

married/engaged TO someone:

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

bored/fed up WITH something:

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