

Prepositional phrases – Adjectives + preposition

After many adjectives we use particular prepositions. For example, we say afraid of, interested in and bored with.

Here are some common examples of these adjective + preposition combinations:

ABOUT excited about worried about nervous about angry about sth. annoyed about sth. furious about. AT good at bad at clever at hopeless at FOR famous for well known for responsible for OF afraid of frightened of scared of proud of full of ashamed of jealous of envious of suspicious of short of aware of consious of tired of

nice / kind / good / friendly / polite / rude / stupid of someone to do something

TO

engaged to married to similar to

be nice / kind / good / friendly / polite / rude to someone

WITH

pleased with bored with disappointed with happy with

angry/ annoyed with sb.

Exercise:

- 1. We are a bit short _____ milk. Can you buy some more?
- 2. We were disappointed _____ the football match.
- 3. I'm excited _____ having my birthday party tomorrow.
- 4. You look very pleased _____ yourself.
- 5. I'm angry _____ all the mess you have made.
- 6. Are you jealous _____his success?
- 7. I'm not very good _____mathematics.
- 8. Your camera is similar _____ mine.
- 9. Brazil is famous _____ its coffee.
- 10. Are you afraid _____ spiders?
- 11. Who is responsible _____ breaking this window?
- 12. My homework was full mistakes.
- 13. I'm tired _____doing the same things every day.
- 14. Mary is engaged _____ Alan.
- 15. Are you worried _____ your exam?
- 16. I was very nice _____ Sam to lend you the money.
- 17. A shop assistant should be polite customers.
- 18. I became bored ______ the book and stopped reading it.
- 19. You aren't bad _____ chess.
- 20. I'm very proud _____you.

Key:

- 1. We are a bit short of milk. Can you buy some more?
- 2. We were disappointed with the football match.
- 3. I'm excited about having my birthday party tomorrow.
- 4. You look very pleased with yourself.
- 5. I'm angry about all the mess you have made.
- 6. Are you jealous of his success?
- 7. I'm not very good at mathematics.
- 8. Your camera is similar to mine.
- 9. Brazil is famous for its coffee.
- 10. Are you afraid of spiders?
- 11. Who is responsible for breaking this window?
- 12. My homework was full of mistakes.
- 13. I'm tired of doing the same things every day.
- 14. Mary is engaged to Alan.
- 15. Are you worried about your exam?
- 16. I was very nice of Sam to lend you the money.
- 17. A shop assistant should be polite to customers.
- 18. I became bored with the book and stopped reading it.
- 19. You aren't bad at chess.
- 20. I'm very proud of you.