

Common Adjective + Preposition Combinations

Note: indicate an object

A	<i>be</i>	absent from	Mary was absent from school because she had the flu.
		accustomed to	I am accustomed to getting up early to go to work.
		acquainted with	Although she just moved in, she is already acquainted with her neighbour.
		addicted to	Many people who are addicted to smoking have tried to quit more than once.
		afraid of	My sister is afraid of snakes.
		ahead of	She ran ahead of me because there was only one book left.
		angry at, with	My friend was angry at/with me because I damaged his car.
		angry about	Frank was really angry about the damage to his car.
		annoyed with	He was annoyed with me because the repair bill for the car was high.
		anxious about	I am anxious about going to my job interview tomorrow morning.
B	<i>be</i>	apparent to	It is apparent to me that you didn't study for the test we had yesterday.
		appropriate for	That dress is not appropriate for a young girl.
		ashamed of	I am ashamed of my friend for cheating on his test.
		aware of	I wasn't aware of his allergy to peanuts.
		bad for	Eating too much sugar is bad for your health.
C	<i>be</i>	based on	My opinion is based on information I found on the Internet.
		blessed with	She has been blessed with two healthy children.
		bored by, with	I am bored by/with all the long political speeches on television these days.
C	<i>be</i>	capable of	Because she works so hard, she is capable of achieving a high mark.
		certain of, about	I've known him for many years and am certain of his innocence.
		clear to	It is clear to us that you did not prepare for this interview.
		committed to	They recycle because they are committed to protecting the environment.
		composed of	His essay is composed of five body paragraphs.
		concerned about	My mother has been feeling sick, and I am concerned about her welfare.
		confused about	The students are confused about what to do for the next assignment.
		connected to	The printer must be connected to the computer before you can print.



		conscious of	She was in such a hurry that she was not conscious of the coming storm.
		content to	Although her friends were swimming, she was content to read her book.
		convinced of	She was convinced of Martha Stewart's guilt.
		coordinated with	The paint on the walls was coordinated with the colour of the furniture.
		critical of	My parents are critical of my new friends because they don't know them.
	<i>have</i>	confidence in	I have confidence in your ability to succeed if you work hard.
D	<i>be</i>	dedicated to	They are dedicated to saving the endangered species in the Arctic.
		dependent on, upon	She is dependent on/upon her parents for financial support for school.
		devoted to	He devoted to the welfare of his children.
		different from	Those two cars are different from each other in many ways.
		difficult for	It is very difficult for her to save money because she doesn't earn a lot.
		disappointed in	My brother started smoking again, and I'm really disappointed in him.
		disappointed with	Although she studied, she was disappointed with her results on the test.
		discouraged about	He felt very discouraged about failing the final exam.
		discriminated against	Because she didn't even get an interview, she felt discriminated against .
			disgusted by, with done with
E	<i>be</i>	eager for	I am eager for information about how much our pay raise will be.
		eligible for	Once I submit my entry form, I will be eligible for the grand prize.
		engaged in	We heard on the news that our local politician is engaged in wrongdoing.
		engaged to	She has been engaged to John for a year, and the wedding is on June 1.
		enthusiastic about	He just got golf clubs and is enthusiastic about learning how to play.
		envious of	Mary is envious of those who can eat what they want and not gain weight.
		equal to	Two pints are equal to one quart.
		equipped with	Now that I have graduated, I am equipped with the skills to get a job.
		essential to	Eating a balanced diet is essential to your health.
		evident to	It was evident to the teacher that the students were not ready for the test.
	excited about	The employees were really excited about the upcoming long weekend.	
	exhausted from	He was exhausted from all the work he did in the garden this weekend.	
	exposed to	Children are exposed to a lot of violence if they watch unsupervised	

TV.

F	<i>be</i>	faithful to familiar to familiar with famous for filled with finished with fit for fond of friendly to, with frightened of, by	When you marry, you promise to be faithful to another person. That book should be familiar to you; we both read it last summer. I am not familiar with that movie; please tell me more about it. Toronto is famous for the CN Tower. She was filled with joy at seeing her granddaughter for the first time. You can use the computer now because I have finished with it. He was injured at work last week and is still not fit for duty. She loves to shop at Godiva because she is very fond of chocolate. They are very friendly with the people who live next door to them. Samantha likes the nature channel, but she is frightened by sharks.
G	<i>be</i>	generous with glad about good at good for grateful for grateful to guilty of	All the volunteers I contacted were generous with their time. He was glad about her promotion because it means an increase in pay. My friend is good at math and is helping me do my income tax. Eating fruits and vegetables is good for your health. I am grateful for all the good friends I have. I am grateful to the lady who found my wallet at the grocery store. He is sometimes guilty of parking in the wheelchair-only parking spots.
H	<i>be</i>	happy about hungry for	They are happy about passing their final exams. She's been on a diet and is hungry for a cheeseburger and fries.
I	<i>be</i>	identical to, with impressed by incapable of inferior to innocent of interested in involved in	The dress she will be wearing is identical to the one I bought yesterday. His parents are impressed by all the work he has put into fixing his car. I hate driving in Toronto because I am incapable of parallel parking. That generic brand of cola is inferior to the one I usually buy. He begged the judge to believe that he was innocent of the crime. I am really interested in learning how to make my own beer and wine. She has been involved in volunteer work for many years.
J	<i>be</i>	jealous of	Martha is jealous of her sister because she earns a lot of money.
K	<i>be</i>	kind to known for	She is kind to animals and brings injured ones to the Humane Society. Toronto is known for many multicultural festivals.
L	<i>be</i>	lazy about limited to	I am lazy about doing my homework. My experience is limited to jobs in my native country.
M	<i>be</i>	mad about mad at ... for... made from, of the matter with	He's mad about the high price of gasoline. He's mad at his brother for taking his car. Beer is made from water, hops, and a few other ingredients. Why are you crying? What's the matter with you?
N	<i>be</i>	nice to nervous about	People are easier to get along with if you are nice to them. I'm nervous about my driving test tomorrow.

O	<i>be</i>	opposed to	I am opposed to the new garbage bins the city has just introduced.
P	<i>be</i>	patient with perfect for pleased with polite to prepared for present at provided with proud of	Driving instructors must be patient with their new driving students. I saw some shoes yesterday that are perfect for your new suit. I'm very pleased with the performance of my new lawnmower. All children should be polite to their elders. Some people are prepared for emergencies, but many are not. Only 23 of 32 students were present at the final exam. All students will be provided with paper and pens for the final exam. We are proud of our new neighbourhood recycling program.
Q	<i>be</i>	qualified for	She needs more credits to be qualified for the university transfer program.
R	<i>be</i>	ready for related to relevant to remembered for resistant to respectful of responsible for rich in	Even though I studied, I don't think I'm ready for the test. His mother and mine are sisters, so we are related to each other. Your opinions are interesting but not relevant to our current discussion. He hopes to be remembered for all the charity work he has done. Many new viruses are resistant to the drugs we currently have available. We need to be respectful of the traditions and customs of other cultures. I am responsible for confirming all of the employees' time sheets. The rainforests are rich in plant and animal life.
S	<i>be</i>	sad about safe from satisfied with scared of similar to sorry about sorry for successful at successful in suitable for superior to sure about/of surprised at suspicious of	We are all sad about the recent violence in our city. Many people believe that immunization will keep you safe from disease. I am satisfied with my new car; it is fuel-efficient and easy to maintain. She went to zoo with us even though she is scared of large animals. Your new laptop is similar to mine. They have many of the same features. She is sorry about hurting your feelings when she forgot to invite you. He felt sorry for his friend whose mother died recently. She bought the new book about how to be successful at job interviews. I hope you will be successful in finding a new job soon. Those video games are very violent and are not suitable for children. The quality of these steel scissors is superior to your old ones. I think we'll be late because I'm not sure of these driving directions. She was surprised at how many people were lined up for the big sale. I'm suspicious of my new landlord. I think he is overcharging for parking.
T	<i>be</i>	terrified of	She doesn't like Wonderland because she is terrified of the roller coasters.

		thankful for	At a sad time like this, I am thankful for all my good friends.
		thoughtful of	It was thoughtful of my friend to take care of my dog during my vacation.
		tired from	I am tired from cutting the grass.
		tired of	I am tired of eating out. I really miss home-cooked food.
		tolerant of	We all get along well because we are tolerant of each other's differences.
		typical of	All that complaining is typical of him; he has a negative attitude.
U	<i>be</i>	understanding about/of	The teacher is very understanding about the students' test anxiety.
		understanding of	With research, we have a better understanding of the causes of cancer.
		unfamiliar with	She offended her host because she was unfamiliar with local customs.
		unfit for	Without good vision and health, you'll be unfit for military service.
		upset about/over	They are upset about the layoffs at work announced this morning.
		used to	I used to skip breakfast, but now I know it's the most important daily meal.
		useful for	A good dictionary is useful for writing essays.
V	<i>be</i>	vain about	He always looks in the mirror because he is vain about his appearance.
W	<i>be</i>	worried about	She is worried about her brother who has been very ill recently.

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