

## Adjective + preposition 1

## A nice of you, nice to me

**nice / kind / good / generous / polite / honest / stupid / silly** etc. **OF** somebody (to do something)

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

(be) **nice / kind / good / generous / polite / rude / friendly / cruel** etc. **TO** somebody

- ☐ They have always been very **nice to** me. (*not with me*)
- ☐ Why were you so **unfriendly to** Lucy?

## B adjective + about / with

**angry / annoyed / furious / upset** { **ABOUT** something  
  **WITH** somebody **FOR** doing something

- ☐ There's no point in getting **angry about** things that don't matter.
- ☐ Are you **annoyed with** me **for** being late?
- ☐ Lisa is **upset about** not being invited to the party.

**excited / worried / nervous / happy** etc. **ABOUT** something

- ☐ Are you **nervous about** the exam?

**pleased / satisfied / happy / delighted / disappointed** **WITH** something you get or experience

- ☐ They were **delighted with** the present I gave them.
- ☐ Were you **happy with** your exam results?

## C adjective + at / by / with / of

**surprised / shocked / amazed / astonished / upset** **AT / BY** something

- ☐ Everybody was **surprised at** the news. *or* ... **by** the news.
- ☐ I hope you weren't **shocked by** what I said. *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 enjoy my job any more. I'm **fed up with** it. / I'm **bored with** it.

**tired** **OF** something

- ☐ Come on, let's go! I'm **tired of** waiting.

## D sorry about / for

**sorry** **ABOUT** a situation or something that happened

- ☐ I'm **sorry about** the mess. I'll clear it up later.
- ☐ **Sorry about** last night. (= Sorry about something that happened last night)

**sorry** **FOR / ABOUT** something you did or caused

- ☐ I'm **sorry for** shouting at you yesterday. (*or sorry about* shouting)
- ☐ **Sorry for** the delay. (*or Sorry about* the delay)

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

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

**feel / be sorry** **FOR** somebody in a bad situation

- ☐ I **feel sorry for** Mark. He's had a lot of bad luck. (*not* I feel sorry about Mark)

## Exercises

130.1 Complete the sentences using **nice of ...**, **kind of ...** etc.

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|---|---|---|
| 1 | Tom offered to drive me to the airport.                             | (nice)<br>That was <u>nice of him</u> . |
| 2 | I needed money and Lisa gave me some.                               | (generous)<br>That ..... her.           |
| 3 | They didn't invite us to their party.                               | (not very nice)<br>That wasn't .....    |
| 4 | Can I help you with your luggage?                                   | (very kind)<br>That's .....             |
| 5 | Kevin never says 'thank you'.                                       | (not very polite)<br>That isn't .....   |
| 6 | They've had an argument and now they refuse to speak to each other. | (a bit childish)<br>That's a bit .....  |

## 130.2 Complete the sentences using an adjective + preposition. Choose from:

amazed    angry    bored    careless    excited    impressed    kind    ~~nervous~~

- Are you nervous about the exam?
- Thank you for all you've done. You've been very ..... me.
- What have I done wrong? Why are you ..... me?
- You must be very ..... your trip next week. It sounds really great.
- I wasn't ..... the service in the restaurant. We had to wait ages.
- Ben isn't very happy at college. He says he's ..... the course he's doing.
- I'd never seen so many people before. I was ..... the crowds.
- It was ..... you to leave the car unlocked while you were shopping.

## 130.3 Put in the correct preposition.

- They were delighted with the present I gave them.
- It was nice ..... you to come and see me when I was ill.
- Why are you always so rude ..... people? Why can't you be more polite?
- We always have the same food every day. I'm fed up ..... it.
- We had a good holiday, but we were disappointed ..... the hotel.
- I can't understand people who are cruel ..... animals.
- I was surprised ..... the way he behaved. It was completely out of character.
- I've been trying to learn Japanese, but I'm not very satisfied ..... my progress.
- Tanya doesn't look very well. I'm worried ..... her.
- I'm sorry ..... yesterday. I completely forgot we'd arranged to meet.
- There's no point in feeling sorry ..... yourself. It won't help you.
- Are you still upset ..... what I said to you yesterday?
- Some people say Kate is unfriendly, but she's always been very nice ..... me.
- I'm tired ..... doing the same thing every day. I need a change.
- We interviewed ten people for the job, and we weren't impressed ..... any of them.
- Vicky is annoyed ..... me because I didn't agree with her.
- I'm sorry ..... the smell in this room. I've just finished painting it.
- I was shocked ..... what I saw. I'd never seen anything like it before.
- Jack is sorry ..... what he did. He won't do it again.
- The hotel was incredibly expensive. I was amazed ..... the price of a room.
- Paul made the wrong decision. It was honest ..... him to admit it.
- You've been very generous ..... me. You've helped me a lot.
- Our neighbours were very angry ..... the noise we made.
- Our neighbours were furious ..... us ..... making so much noise.