

A adjective + of

afraid / scared / frightened / terrified OF ...

- ☐ 'Are you **afraid of** spiders?' 'Yes, I'm **terrified of** them.'

fond / proud / ashamed / jealous / envious OF ...

- ☐ Why is he so **jealous of** other people?

suspicious / critical / tolerant OF ...

- ☐ They didn't trust me. They were **suspicious of** my motives.

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** doing the job well.

full / short OF ...

- ☐ Amy is a very active person. She's always **full of** energy.
☐ I'm a bit **short of** money. Can you lend me some?

typical OF ...

- ☐ He's late again. It's **typical of** him to keep everybody waiting.

certain / sure OF or ABOUT ...

- ☐ I think she's arriving this evening, but I'm not **sure of** that. *or* ... not **sure about** that.

B adjective + at / to / from / in / on / with / for

good / bad / brilliant / better / hopeless etc. AT ...

- ☐ I'm not very **good at** repairing things. (*not* good in repairing things)

married / engaged TO ...

- ☐ Louise is **married to** an American. (*not* married with)

but Louise is married **with three children**. (= she is married and has three children)

similar TO ...

- ☐ Your handwriting is **similar to** mine.

different FROM or different TO ...

- ☐ The film was **different from** what I'd expected. *or* ... **different to** what I'd expected.

interested IN ...

- ☐ Are you **interested in** art?

keen ON ...

- ☐ We stayed at home. Chris wasn't **keen on** going out.

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

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

crowded WITH (people etc.)

- ☐ The streets were **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

131.1 Complete the sentences using an adjective + of. Choose from:ashamed aware capable envious proud scared ~~short~~ typical

- I'm a bit short of money. Can you lend me some?
- My children have done very well. I'm them.
- What I did was very bad. I'm myself.
- She always behaves like that. It's her.
- He wouldn't be able to run his own business. He's not it.
- I don't like going up ladders. I'm heights.
- Nobody told me she was ill. I wasn't it.
- I wish I had what Sarah has. I'm her.

131.2 Write sentences about yourself. Are you good at these things or not? You can use:

good pretty good not very good hopeless

- (repairing things) I'm not very good at repairing things.
- (telling jokes)
- (maths)
- (remembering names)
- (making decisions)

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

afraid capable different interested proud responsible similar sure

- I think she's arriving this evening, but I'm not sure of that.
- Your camera is mine, but it isn't exactly the same.
- Don't worry. I'll look after you. There's nothing to be
- I never watch the news on TV. I'm not the news.
- The editor is the person who is what appears in a newspaper.
- Sarah is a keen gardener and is very her garden.
- I was surprised when I first met Tina. She was what I expected.
- Ben could become world champion one day. He's it.

131.4 Complete the second sentence so that it means the same as the first.

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| 1 There were lots of tourists in the streets. | The streets were crowded <u>with tourists</u> |
| 2 There was a lot of furniture in the room. | The room was full |
| 3 I don't like sport very much. | I'm not very keen |
| 4 We don't have enough time. | We're short |
| 5 Helen does her job very well | Helen is very good |
| 6 Steven's wife is a doctor. | Steven is married |
| 7 I don't trust Robert. | I'm suspicious |
| 8 My problem is not the same as yours. | My problem is different |

131.5 Put in the correct preposition.

- Amy is always full of energy.
- My home town is not a very interesting place. It's not famous anything.
- Kate is very fond her younger brother.
- You look bored. You don't seem interested what I'm saying.
- 'Our flight departs at 10.35.' 'Are you sure that?'
- I wanted to go out for a meal, but nobody else was keen the idea.
- These days everybody is aware the dangers of smoking.
- The station platform was crowded people waiting for the train.
- Mark has no money of his own. He's completely dependent his parents.
- We're short staff in our office right now. We need more people to do the work.