

Mini Dictionary of Commonly Used Adjective + Preposition Combinations

A	<i>be</i>	absent from	Mary was <i>absent from</i> school because she had the flu.
		accustomed to	I am <i>accustomed to</i> getting up early to go to work.
		acquainted with	Although she just moved in, she is already <i>acquainted with</i> her neighbour.
		addicted to	Many people who are <i>addicted to</i> smoking have tried to quit more than once.
		afraid of	My sister is <i>afraid of</i> snakes.
		ahead of	She ran <i>ahead of</i> me because there was only one book left.
		angry at, with	My friend was <i>angry at/with</i> me because I damaged his car.
		angry about	Frank was really <i>angry about</i> the damage to his car.
		annoyed with	He was <i>annoyed with</i> me because the repair bill for the car was high.
			I am <i>anxious about</i> going to my job interview tomorrow morning.
		anxious about	It is <i>apparent to</i> me that you didn't study for the test we had yesterday.
		apparent to	That dress is not <i>appropriate for</i> a young girl.
		appropriate for	I am <i>ashamed of</i> my friend for cheating on his test.
		ashamed of	I wasn't <i>aware of</i> his allergy to peanuts.
	aware of		

B	<i>be</i>	bad for	Eating too much sugar is <i>bad for</i> your health.
		based on	My opinion is <i>based on</i> information I found on the Internet.
		blessed with	She has been <i>blessed with</i> two healthy children.
		bored by, with	I am <i>bored by/with</i> all the long political speeches on television these days.

<p>C</p>	<i>be</i>	capable of	Because she works so hard, she is <i>capable of</i> achieving a high mark.
			I've known him for many years and am <i>certain of</i> his innocence.
		certain of, about	It is <i>clear to</i> us that you did not prepare for this interview.
		clear to	They recycle because they are <i>committed to</i> protecting the environment.
		committed to	His essay is <i>composed of</i> five body paragraphs.
		composed of	My mother has been feeling sick, and I am <i>concerned about</i> her welfare.
		concerned about	The students are <i>confused about</i> what to do for the next assignment.
		confused about	The printer must be <i>connected to</i> the computer before you can print.
		connected to	She was in such a hurry that she was not <i>conscious of</i> the coming storm.
		conscious of	Although her friends were swimming, she was <i>content to</i> read her book.
		content to	She was <i>convinced of</i> Martha Stewart's guilt.
		convinced of	The paint on the walls was <i>coordinated with</i> the colour of the furniture.
		coordinated with	My parents are <i>critical of</i> my new friends because they don't know them.
		critical of	I have <i>confidence in</i> your ability to succeed if you work hard.

have confidence in

<p>D</p>	<i>be</i>	dedicated to	They are <i>dedicated to</i> saving the endangered species in the Arctic.
		dependent on, upon	She is <i>dependent on/upon</i> her parents for financial support for school.
			He <i>devoted to</i> the welfare of his children.

devoted to	Those two cars are <i>different from</i> each other in many ways.
different from	It is very <i>difficult for</i> her to save money because she doesn't earn a lot.
difficult for	My brother started smoking again, and I'm really <i>disappointed in</i> him.
disappointed in	Although she studied, she was <i>disappointed with</i> her results on the test. He felt very <i>discouraged about</i> failing the final exam.
disappointed with	Because she didn't even get an interview, she felt <i>discriminated against</i> .
discouraged about	She was <i>disgusted by</i> the bad language used by the other driver.
discriminated against	I am <i>done with</i> the dictionary; you can use it now.
disgusted by, with	
done with	

E <i>be</i> eager for	I am <i>eager for</i> information about how much our pay raise will be.
eligible for	Once I submit my entry form, I will be <i>eligible for</i> the grand prize.
engaged in	We heard on the news that our local politician is <i>engaged in</i> wrongdoing.
engaged to	She has been <i>engaged to</i> John for a year, and the wedding is on June 1.
enthusiastic about	He just got golf clubs and is <i>enthusiastic about</i> learning how to play. Mary is <i>envious of</i> those who can eat what they want and not gain weight.
envious of	Two pints are <i>equal to</i> one quart.
equal to	Now that I have graduated, I am <i>equipped with</i> the skills to get a job.
equipped with	Eating a balanced diet is <i>essential to</i> your health.
essential to	It was <i>evident to</i> the teacher that the students were not ready for the test.

evident to	The employees were really <i>excited about</i> the upcoming long weekend.
	He was <i>exhausted from</i> all the work he did in the garden this weekend.
excited about	Children are <i>exposed to</i> a lot of violence if they watch unsupervised TV.
exhausted from	
exposed to	

F <i>be</i>	faithful to	When you marry, you promise to be <i>faithful to</i> another person.
	familiar to	That book should be <i>familiar to</i> you; we both read it last summer.
	familiar with	I am not <i>familiar with</i> that movie; please tell me more about it.
	famous for	Toronto is <i>famous for</i> the CN Tower.
	filled with	She was <i>filled with</i> joy at seeing her granddaughter for the first time.
		You can use the computer now because I have <i>finished with</i> it.
	finished with	He was injured at work last week and is still not <i>fit for</i> duty.
	fit for	She loves to shop at Godiva because she is very <i>fond of</i> chocolate.
	fond of	They are very <i>friendly with</i> the people who live next door to them.
	friendly to, with	Samantha likes the nature channel, but she is <i>frightened by</i> sharks.
	frightened of, by	

G <i>be</i>	generous with	All the volunteers I contacted were <i>generous with</i> their time.
	glad about	He was <i>glad about</i> her promotion because it means an increase in pay.
		My friend is <i>good at</i> math and is helping me do my income tax.
	good at	Eating fruits and vegetables is <i>good for</i> your health.
	good for	I am <i>grateful for</i> all the good friends I have.
	grateful for	I am <i>grateful to</i> the lady who found my wallet at the grocery store.

	grateful to	He is sometimes <i>guilty of</i> parking in the wheelchair-only parking spots.
	guilty of	
H	<i>be</i> happy about	They are <i>happy about</i> passing their final exams.
	hungry for	She's been on a diet and is <i>hungry for</i> a cheeseburger and fries.
I	<i>be</i> identical to, with	The dress she will be wearing is <i>identical to</i> the one I bought yesterday. His parents are <i>impressed by</i> all the work he has put into fixing his car.
	impressed by	I hate driving in Toronto because I am <i>incapable of</i> parallel parking.
	incapable of	That generic brand of cola is <i>inferior to</i> the one I usually buy. He begged the judge to believe that he was <i>innocent of</i> the crime.
	inferior to	I am really <i>interested in</i> learning how to make my own beer and wine.
	innocent of	She has been <i>involved in</i> volunteer work for many years.
	interested in	
	involved in	
J	<i>be</i> jealous of	Martha is <i>jealous of</i> her sister because she earns a lot of money.
K	<i>be</i> kind to	She is <i>kind to</i> animals and brings injured ones to the Humane Society. Toronto is <i>known for</i> many multicultural festivals.
	known for	
L	<i>be</i> lazy about	I am <i>lazy about</i> doing my homework.
	limited to	My experience is <i>limited to</i> jobs in my native country.
M	<i>be</i> mad about	He's <i>mad about</i> the high price of gasoline.
	mad at ... for...	He's <i>mad at</i> his brother <i>for</i> taking his car.
	made from, of	Beer is <i>made from</i> water, hops, and a few other ingredients.

	the matter with	Why are you crying? What's <i>the matter with</i> you?
N	<i>be</i> nice to	People are easier to get along with if you are <i>nice to</i> them.
	nervous about	I'm <i>nervous about</i> my driving test tomorrow.
O	<i>be</i> opposed to	I am <i>opposed to</i> the new garbage bins the city has just introduced.
P	<i>be</i> patient with	Driving instructors must be <i>patient with</i> their new driving students.
		I saw some shoes yesterday that are <i>perfect for</i> your new suit.
	perfect for	I'm very <i>pleased with</i> the performance of my new lawnmower.
	pleased with	All children should be <i>polite to</i> their elders.
	polite to	Some people are <i>prepared for</i> emergencies, but many are not.
	prepared for	Only 23 of 32 students were <i>present at</i> the final exam.
	present at	All students will be <i>provided with</i> paper and pens for the final exam.
	provided with	We are <i>proud of</i> our new neighbourhood recycling program.
	proud of	
Q	<i>be</i> qualified for	She needs more credits to be <i>qualified for</i> the university transfer program.
R	<i>be</i> ready for	Even though I studied, I don't think I'm <i>ready for</i> the test.
	related to	His mother and mine are sisters, so we are <i>related to</i> each other.
	relevant to	Your opinions are interesting but not <i>relevant to</i> our current discussion.
		He hopes to be <i>remembered for</i> all the charity work he has done.
	remembered for	Many new viruses are <i>resistant to</i> the drugs we currently have available.
	resistant to	We need to be <i>respectful of</i> the traditions and customs of other cultures.
	respectful of	

	I am <i>responsible for</i> confirming all of the employees' time sheets.
responsible for	The rainforests are <i>rich in</i> plant and animal life.
rich in	

S	<i>be</i>	sad about	We are all <i>sad about</i> the recent violence in our city.
		safe from	Many people believe that immunization will keep you <i>safe from</i> disease.
		satisfied with	I am <i>satisfied with</i> my new car; it is fuel-efficient and easy to maintain. She went to zoo with us even though she is <i>scared of</i> large animals.
		scared of	Your new laptop is <i>similar to</i> mine. They have many of the same features.
		similar to	She is <i>sorry about</i> hurting your feelings when she forgot to invite you. He felt <i>sorry for</i> his friend whose mother died recently.
		sorry about	She bought the new book about how to be <i>successful at</i> job interviews. I hope you will be <i>successful in</i> finding a new job soon.
		sorry for	Those video games are very violent and are not <i>suitable for</i> children.
		successful at	The quality of these steel scissors is <i>superior to</i> your old ones.
		successful in	I think we'll be late because I'm not <i>sure of</i> these driving directions.
		suitable for	She was <i>surprised at</i> how many people were lined up for the big sale. I'm <i>suspicious of</i> my new landlord. I think he is overcharging for parking.
		superior to	
		sure about/of	
		surprised at	
		suspicious of	

T	<i>be</i>	terrified of	She doesn't like Wonderland because she is <i>terrified of</i> the roller coasters.
		thankful for	At a sad time like this, I am <i>thankful for</i> all my good friends.
		thoughtful of	It was <i>thoughtful of</i> my friend to take care of my dog during my vacation.
		tired from	I am <i>tired from</i> cutting the grass.
		tired of	I am <i>tired of</i> eating out. I really miss home-cooked food.
		tolerant of	We all get along well because we are <i>tolerant of</i> each other's differences.
		typical of	All that complaining is <i>typical of</i> him; he has a negative attitude.

U	<i>be</i>	understanding about/of	The teacher is very <i>understanding about</i> the students' test anxiety.
		understanding of	With research, we have a better <i>understanding of</i> the causes of cancer.
		unfamiliar with	She offended her host because she was <i>unfamiliar with</i> local customs.
		unfit for	Without good vision and health, you'll be <i>unfit for</i> military service.
		upset about/over	They are <i>upset about</i> the layoffs at work announced this morning.
		used to	I <i>used to</i> skip breakfast, but now I know it's the most important daily meal.
		useful for	A good dictionary is <i>useful for</i> writing essays.

V	<i>be</i>	vain about	He always looks in the mirror because he is <i>vain about</i> his appearance.
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W	<i>be</i>	worried about	She is <i>worried about</i> her brother who has been very ill recently.
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