

Test Your Grammar Skills

100 Adjective + Preposition Collocations – Patterns

When learning **collocations**, it's worth remembering that **opposite adjectives**, **synonyms**, and other **related adjectives** can also often be followed by the same preposition, as you can see below:

Following Preposition:	Opposites Adjectives:	Synonyms:	Topics:
of	aware / unaware conscious / unconscious capable / incapable afraid / unafraid critical / uncritical proud / ashamed certain / uncertain innocent / guilty, accused	mindful scared, fearful, terrified demanding, expectant sure, convinced, assured acquitted, cleared	awareness ability fear criticism pride being sure crime
to	kind / unkind, cruel friendly / unfriendly grateful / ungrateful polite / rude sensitive / insensitive married / not married / engaged similar / different	nice / nasty, mean pleasant / unpleasant / generous thankful, indebted, obliged well-mannered, respectful identical, parallel, comparable	behaviour towards other people formal relationships differences
about	relaxed / anxious unconcerned / concerned enthusiastic / unenthusiastic excited / unexcited happy / sad right / wrong certain / uncertain	calm, cool / stressed, uncool blasé, unworried passionate, fanatical, obsessive pleased, glad / angry, bothered, irritated, upset, annoyed, furious positive, confident, firm sure / unsure	emotions and feelings anger opinions being sure
with	careful / careless impressed / unimpressed happy / unhappy satisfied / dissatisfied	cautious enthralled, rapt pleased, delighted, content	taking care feelings satisfaction
for	appreciated / unappreciated famous / infamous early, on time / late prepared / unprepared suitable / unsuitable	respected, valued, cherished, prized, loved known, well-known, renowned ready / not ready appropriate, fit, right, apt	appreciation fame, renown preparation suitability
by	thrilled / bored unsurprised / surprised	pleased, delighted, overjoyed shocked, amazed, astonished, puzzled, confused, disturbed	feelings
at	good / bad	not bad, OK, brilliant / poor, terrible	ability
in	experienced / inexperienced interested / uninterested	skilled, practised, qualified absorbed, engrossed	qualifications interest

For more free teaching material and podcasts log onto www.purlandtraining.com now!