

### Activity Type

Reading, writing and speaking activity, pairwork

### Language Focus

Dependent prepositions with adjectives

### Aim

To learn and practice common adjective + preposition combinations.

### Preparation

Make one copy of the worksheet for each student.

### Level

Pre-intermediate

### Time

25 minutes

### Introduction

This insightful dependent prepositions worksheet helps students to learn and practice common adjective + preposition combinations.

### Procedure

Give each student a copy of the worksheet.

Tell the students to match the sentence halves together to make sentences containing adjective + preposition combinations.

When the students have finished, go through the answers with the class.

#### Answer key

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| 1 g. interested in | 7 k. famous for    |
| 2 h. absent from   | 8 d. worried about |
| 3 l. bored with    | 9 e. excited about |
| 4 j. angry with    | 10 f. scared of    |
| 5 b. proud of      | 11 a. good at      |
| 6 i. keen on       | 12 c. jealous of   |

Review the meaning of each adjective + preposition combination and then divide the students into pairs.

The students then describe the pictures on their worksheet using the adjective + preposition combinations from the first exercise.

Afterwards, get feedback on their descriptions.

Next, students complete questions with the correct prepositions.

#### Answer key

1. What are you interested **in**?
2. Do you get excited **about** going on holiday?
3. What is your country famous **for**?
4. What school subjects were you keen **on** as a child?
5. What do you get angry **with** people about?
6. How often are you absent **from** class?
7. Do you get jealous **of** people?
8. What are you scared **of**?

The students then ask and answer the questions with their partner.

Finally, get feedback from the class on their answers to the questions. Any interesting findings can be discussed in more detail.

A. Match the sentence halves.

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| 1. I'm <b>interested</b> _____                  | a. <b>at</b> English. She got 100% in her last test.         |
| 2. Paolo is <b>absent</b> _____                 | b. <b>of</b> me, because I just received a promotion.        |
| 3. I'm <b>bored</b> _____                       | c. <b>of</b> his friend, because he's just bought a Ferrari. |
| 4. My dad got <b>angry</b> _____                | d. <b>about</b> Liam. He didn't come home last night.        |
| 5. My girlfriend is <b>proud</b> _____          | e. <b>about</b> their trip around the world.                 |
| 6. I'm not very <b>keen</b> _____               | f. <b>of</b> taking the lift. He has to use the stairs.      |
| 7. Manchester in England is <b>famous</b> _____ | g. <b>in</b> web design, but I hate programming.             |
| 8. I'm really <b>worried</b> _____              | h. <b>from</b> school today, because he's sick.              |
| 9. Helen and Mary are <b>excited</b> _____      | i. <b>on</b> fishing. I think it's so boring.                |
| 10. Terry's <b>scared</b> _____                 | j. <b>with</b> me, because I came home late.                 |
| 11. Estelle's really <b>good</b> _____          | k. <b>for</b> its football team.                             |
| 12. Walter's <b>jealous</b> _____               | l. <b>with</b> taking the bus. I want to go by car instead.  |

B. Work in pairs. Describe the pictures using the adjective + preposition combinations above.



C. Complete each question with the correct preposition. Then, ask and answer the questions with your partner.

1. What are you interested \_\_\_\_\_?
2. Do you get excited \_\_\_\_\_ going on holiday?
3. What is your country famous \_\_\_\_\_?
4. What school subjects were you keen \_\_\_\_\_ as a child?
5. What do you get angry \_\_\_\_\_ people about?
6. How often are you absent \_\_\_\_\_ class?
7. Do you get jealous \_\_\_\_\_ people?
8. What are you scared \_\_\_\_\_?