**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

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**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**

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

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**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.

1. I'm **interested** ____
2. Paolo is **absent** ____
3. I'm **bored** ____
4. My dad got **angry** ____
5. My girlfriend is **proud** ____
6. I'm not very **keen** ____
7. Manchester in England is **famous** ____
8. I'm really **worried** ____
9. Helen and Mary are **excited** ____
10. Terry's **scared** ____
11. Estelle’s really **good** ____
12. Walter’s **jealous** ____

   a. at English. She got 100% in her last test.
   b. of me, because I just received a promotion.
   c. of his friend, because he’s just bought a Ferrari.
   d. about Liam. He didn’t come home last night.
   e. about their trip around the world.
   f. of taking the lift. He has to use the stairs.
   g. in web design, but I hate programming.
   h. from school today, because he’s sick.
   i. on fishing. I think it’s so boring.
   j. with me, because I came home late.
   k. for its football team.
   l. with 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 _________?