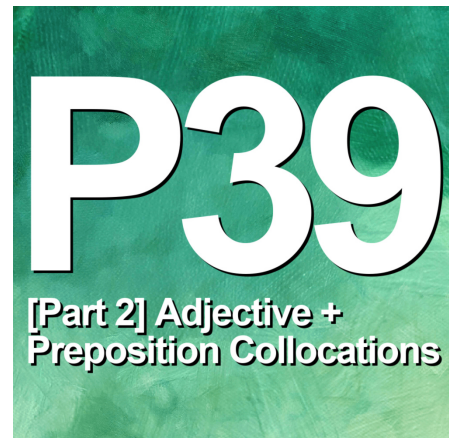


P39 [Part 2] Adjective + Preposition Collocations

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Hello dear Premium Subscribers, **welcome back to P39. This is part 2** in this series all about adjective + preposition combinations and in this one we're going to see if you can choose the correct prepositions that go with a selection of adjectives I have come up with.

This is part 2 in a 3 part series. Obviously, listen to part 1 before you listen to this.



Get the PDF

As usual there is a PDF for this episode, which could really help you. The PDF contains a transcript of everything I'm saying, plus all the exercises for this episode. You can find the link for the PDF in the episode details.

You can also download the PDF from my website - just go to www.teacherluke.co.uk/pdfs find the PDF for this episode and use the password LEPPREMIUMPDFS.

Below you will see a list of 35 adjectives. This is just the first 25% (ish) of a longer list of adjective + preposition phrases which I've put together.

Your task is to look at the adjectives, listen to my prompts, and consider which prepositions go with each adjective. Then try to remember the combinations of adjectives + prepositions. Remember, there isn't really a rule which will tell you which preposition should be used each time - you just have to remember them one by one. Hopefully this task can help you.

Later we will do pronunciation practice with sentences.

Multiple prepositions might be possible

Warning: Sometimes more than one preposition is possible. In some cases there is a bit of grey area here in terms of usage. Most of the time there is one clear answer, but in some cases more than one adjective is

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possible, but only sometimes. I will try to tell you when other adjectives are possible. If in doubt, do a google search with the adjective and the preposition with speech marks around them - like this “angry at” or “angry with” and see what happens. If you find plenty of examples of that combination of words, it probably means it’s ok and acceptable.

By

The preposition “by” can often be used with adjectives, especially if the adjective can also be a past participle of a verb, as if it’s a passive structure.

For example, “*I’m really annoyed by this situation*” → “*This situation really annoys me*”.

That’s pretty much ok. But if the adjective isn’t a past participle of a verb in a passive construction, “by” doesn’t work.

I’m interested by it

I’m amused by it

I’m bored by

~~I’m curious by it~~

~~I’m afraid by spiders~~

IF YOU ARE LOOKING AT THE PDF

You can pause the podcast and try to fill in the missing prepositions, or at least look at them and think about it. Then unpause the podcast and listen as I give the answers. You’ll also see the answers given on the PDF later.

IF YOU ARE ONLY LISTENING TO THE AUDIO VERSION

As I go through the list, I will say the adjectives and you have to say the relevant preposition, or at least think it in your head (using your brain).

After each line I will immediately give you the answer, and some comments about the phrase (if I think it’s necessary). But later you should go back to the PDF and do the tests again. OK? Ok.

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Now you can pause the podcast and do the test, then unpaue and carry on.

Or just keep listening to hear me go through the list and try to guess with me.

PDF people - pause the podcast now!

~ Everyone pauses the podcast and does the test on the PDF ~

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~ Everyone unpaues and continues listening ~

Test 1 - Choose the correct prepositions

1.

Accustomed _____

When I moved to France it took me ages to get accustomed _____ driving on the wrong side of the road.

*Note: we also say "to be/get used _____ something" and the preposition is the same.

2.

Accused* _____

She accused* him _____ cheating on her, but he denied it.

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*Actually, I've just realised that isn't an adjective. It's a verb in a passive form. (She accused him. He was accused.) In any case, the preposition that goes with it is ____.

3.

Addicted _____

I'm totally addicted _____ caffeine. If I don't have my morning coffee, I'm useless.

Note: *hooked* is a synonym of *addicted*, but we say *hooked on*

4.

Afraid _____

I'm not really afraid _____ spiders, but I wouldn't want to touch one.

Note: the synonyms take the same preposition

scared _____

frightened _____

5.

Angry _____ something (an issue, a problem, a thing)

Angry _____ / _____ someone (a person)

I'm so angry _____ this terrible war, and I don't know what to do about it.

She's so angry _____ / _____ her boyfriend. He never listens to her properly!

6.

Annoyed _____

Annoyed _____ / _____

I'm really annoyed _____ the lack of free coffee in this place.

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I'm really annoyed ____ / ____ my flatmates for taking all my sugar.

*Note - this is the same as *angry*.

7.

Allergic ____

I'm allergic ____ penicillin. If I have too much I get an itchy rash all over my skin.

8.

Amazed ____ / ____

"Maybe I'm amazed ____ the way you love me all the time." 🎵

I'm really amazed ____ her ability to pick up new words and use them instantly.

9.

Anxious ____

I am feeling anxious ____ my test tomorrow. I hope I have prepared properly.

Note:

Nervous is a synonym and it takes the same preposition.

10.

Appreciated ____

Your comments mean a lot to me. It is very nice to feel so appreciated ____ my work.

11.

Ashamed ____

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You should be ashamed _____ yourself, acting like that in public!

12.

Associated _____

You should download the PDF which is associated _____ this episode.

13.

Astonished _____ / _____

I was absolutely astonished _____ / _____ his complete lack of self-awareness. Didn't he realise he was being so rude?

14.

Attached _____

It'll be a pity to say goodbye to Jenny. We've become quite attached _____ her over the last couple of years.

15.

Aware _____

Are you aware _____ the changes which have happened to the podcast recently?

16.

Bad _____

Sorry, I'm so bad _____ using computers.

*Note: *Bad at, good at, terrible at, brilliant at* (anyonyms and synonyms of *good* all take *at*)

17.

Based _____

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This film is based _____ a true story.

18.

Beneficial _____

Just 30 minutes of exercise a day can be very beneficial _____ your health.

19.

Bored _____

I'm getting a bit bored _____ this now. Can we do something else?

20.

Brilliant _____

Wow, she's brilliant _____ that, isn't she?

21.

Busy _____

Sorry for not replying earlier. I've been very busy _____ lots of work recently. I've been totally snowed under _____ with work.

22.

Capable _____

I think he's capable _____ doing better than that, don't you?

23.

Careful _____ / _____ / _____

Please be careful _____ that box. It's very fragile.

(be careful while you are handling something/someone because you might break it or harm it)

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You need to be a bit careful _____ what you say. She gets upset quite easily.

(be careful + _____ + things you say or do)

Please be careful _____ the road outside the house. It's very busy and cars go very fast.

(be careful + _____ + dangerous thing)

24.

Comfortable _____

It's always nice to speak to someone that you feel comfortable _____.

25.

Connected _____

I don't feel connected _____ younger people these days. I'm a bit out of touch.

26.

Conscious _____

I'm very conscious _____ the difficulty faced by foreign people trying to speak my language.

Note: *Conscious* and *aware* are synonyms and they take the same preposition.

27.

Content _____

I'm very content _____ my situation. I actually think I'm very lucky.

Comfortable & *satisfied* also take this preposition.

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28.

Crazy _____

I am absolutely crazy _____ miniature golf. I just love it!

We also say *mad* _____.

29.

Cruel _____

One thing I can't stand is when people are cruel _____ animals.

30.

Crowded _____

The station at this time of day is completely crowded _____ people.

31.

Confronted _____

It's when I have to speak on the telephone that I am confronted _____ my inability to understand fluent French.

32.

Curious _____

I've always been curious _____ how comedians feel when they are on stage.

33.

Doubtful _____

I am very doubtful _____ our chances of winning the World Cup this year, based on our recent performances.

34.

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Delighted _____ / _____

We were absolutely delighted _____ / _____ the news that you're having a baby.

Also: Delighted _____ you

When you are happy on someone else's behalf (you're happy because someone else is happy), we use *happy for*.

Congratulations! We're very happy for you.

Note: This also works with synonyms of *happy* including *delighted*.

We are very happy for you!

35.

Derived _____

CBD is a medical product derived _____ cannabis that is said to be good for your health in various ways.

👉 Those are the phrases which were, for the most part, used in the conversation with Amber & Paul. 👉

👉 **Answers below** 👉

***Note: Other structures after adjectives**

Adjective + infinitive

Adjective + that clause

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Another point to make is that some of these adjectives can also be followed by a verb in an infinitive form, for example:

I am anxious to get started.

Or a “that clause”, for example:

I'm angry that I wasn't invited to the party.

But this is not the case with all adjectives.

~~She was accused to murder her husband.~~
She was accused of murdering her husband.

~~The station is crowded that there are so many people.~~
The station is crowded because there are so many people.
The station is crowded with people.

I must say that is another episode for another time (adjective + infinitive). I should make a list of adjective + infinitive phrases too, and adjectives which can be followed by *that clauses* and do episodes about those things as well. There's just no end to this, is there?

It is worth noting that English can be seen as a language of vocabulary phrases, rather than just as a language of grammar rules. Collocation is a huge thing and vocabulary is just as important as grammar if not more important.

Test 1 - Answers

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Capable of

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23.

Careful with / about / of

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Test 2 - Adjectives

Now let's see if you can remember the adjectives. Complete the sentences below with adjectives. The sentences are not in the same order as before.

Let's do the same thing as before. If you're using the PDF. Pause the podcast now and try to complete the sentences. Unpause when you've finished and listen to me as I go through the answers.

If you're just listening, then don't pause, just keep listening. I will say the sentences and give you a chance to try to fill in the missing adjectives in your head. Then I'll give the correct answer and we'll move on.

Let's start

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6. I don't feel c_____ to younger people these days. I'm a bit out of touch.

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7. I think he's c_____ of doing better than that, don't you?
8. I was absolutely a_____ at / by his complete lack of self-awareness. Didn't he realise he was being so rude?
9. It'll be a pity to say goodbye to Jenny. We've become quite a_____ to her over the last couple of years.
10. It's always nice to speak to someone that you feel c_____ with.
11. It's when I have to speak on the telephone that I am c_____ with my inability to understand fluent French.
12. I'm a_____ to penicillin. If I have too much I get an itchy rash all over my skin.
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14. I'm not really a_____ of spiders but I wouldn't want to touch one.
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23. Just 30 minutes of exercise a day can be very b_____ to your health.
24. One thing I can't stand is when people are c_____ to animals.
25. Please be c_____ of the road outside the house. It's very busy and cars go very fast.
26. Please be c_____ with that box. It's very fragile.
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36. Wow, she's b_____ at that, isn't she?
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39. You should download the PDF which is a _____ with this episode.
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OK, that's the end of that! (The two tests I mean - the episode is still not finished)

Hopefully now you are better able to remember these chunks of language.

But this is not the end of the process of course.

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There's still the pronunciation part, and also there's episode 791 with Amber & Paul in which you will be able to notice us using these adjective + preposition combinations to talk about this and that, which should reinforce the language even more.

Also, I think it is important to do some free practice with this language.

That means, I think you should try to do some open speaking practice incorporating all of these adjective + preposition collocations.

How?

Well, here are some questions for you (below).

In fact, most of these questions are the ones which I prepared for Amber & Paul. You'll hear Amber & Paul discussing these questions in episode 791.

Now, why don't you answer the questions yourself, in English? This is speaking practice, but also a chance to remember the language in this episode. Sometimes the best way to remember language is to use it in a meaningful way.

If you don't use it, you lose it, so use it to talk about yourself a bit.

I'll say the questions one by one. You can pause the podcast after each question, and just do some speaking in response (even if it's on your own, and even if it's just in your head) using the adjective + preposition collocation in each question.

If you can't pause and give your answers right now, that's ok.

Check the PDF later and do your speaking practice then.

Also, you can think about what Amber & Paul might say in response to these questions.

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Free Speaking Practice - Say your answers to these questions (Out loud or just in your head)

1. How long did it take you to get **accustomed to** listening to podcasts in English?

2. Are you **addicted to** anything?
Using your phone
Coffee
Tea
Cigarettes
Sugar
Chocolate
LEP
Do you get **withdrawal symptoms** when you stop?

3. Are you **afraid of** anything in particular?
Do you have any phobias or particular fears?
How do you feel about these things?
 - a. Spiders in your home
 - b. The dark
 - c. Public speaking
 - d. Heights
 - e. Flying
 - f. Closed spaces

4. Are you feeling **angry about** anything today?

5. Are you **allergic to** anything? What are you **allergic to**?

6. Are you feeling **anxious about** anything at this moment?

7. When was the last time someone made you feel **appreciated for** doing something? When was the last time someone gave you a heartfelt “thank you”?

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8. Is there anything about your country which you are **ashamed of**?
What are you **proud of**?
9. When was the last time you were **astonished by** something?
What was it?
Have you ever been **astonished by** something a child has said or done?
10. Are you **aware of** any annoying habits that you have?
11. What are you **bad at**, in your language learning, or in your use of another language? What's your weakness?
12. What do you think is most **beneficial to** your health?
eating well
sleeping well
doing exercise
Meditation
Something else?
13. When was the last time you thought "Wow, he/she is **brilliant at** that"?
14. How **bored** are you **with** this exercise?
15. Do you think you would be **capable of** running a marathon, going into space, learning Chinese (or Arabic) to a fluent level, living in prison for 10 years?
16. Are you **comfortable with** the sound of your own voice?
17. Do you feel **connected to** the experiences of younger generations today? (if you're not a teenager yourself)
18. Are you **conscious of** any ways in which you are becoming like your parents?

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19. Are you **content with** your current sofa?
20. Are you **crazy about** any particular music at the moment?
What about a certain person, a TV series or a certain trend?
21. Are you ever **confronted with** your total inability to do something? Or your complete lack of knowledge of a certain topic?
22. Are you **curious about** space? How about your next door neighbours?
23. Do you know about CBD? Do you know what it is **derived from**? Do you think it has any benefits or are you **doubtful about** it?

Most of those questions will come up in episode 791 with Amber & Paul so you can look forward to hearing their responses.

This is the end of part 2 of this series.

Part 3 is next of course, and that is all about pronunciation. It'll be a chance for you to just repeat some sentences containing these adjective + preposition collocations.

Thanks for listening! I hope this has been useful and enjoyable.

Send me an email if you have any questions - luketeacher@hotmail.com

Speak to you again in part 3!