

Activity Type

Reading, writing, listening and speaking activity, pair work

Focus

Dependent prepositions with adjectives

Aim

To practice everyday adjective-preposition collocations

Preparation

Make one copy of the worksheet for each student.

Level

Pre-intermediate (A2)

Time

25 minutes

Introduction

This dependent prepositions worksheet helps students practice everyday adjective-preposition collocations.

Procedure

Give each student a copy of the worksheet.

Tell the students to match the sentence halves together to make sentences containing adjective-preposition collocations.

Exercise A - 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 collocation and then divide the students into pairs.

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

Afterwards, get feedback on their descriptions.

Next, students complete questions with the correct prepositions.

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

B. In pairs, describe the pictures using the adjective-preposition collocations 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