

ADJECTIVES FOLLOWED BY PREPOSITIONS

A number of adjectives take certain specific prepositions after them, to be connected to the nouns or noun phrases that are objects of the prepositions.

- Ex.—**
- (i) The child was afraid *of* policemen.
 - (ii) He was greedy *for* money.
 - (iii) Line AB is parallel *to* line CD.

Here are some more examples of commonly used **adjective + preposition** combinations. The specific objects given after the prepositions are only examples.

Adjective	Preposition	Object of Preposition
abounding	in	something
absorbed	in	work, thought, etc.
acceptable	to	someone
accomplished	in	music, etc.
accused	of	a crime, etc.
accustomed	to	something
acquainted	with	a person, a subject, etc.
acquitted	of	a charge, etc.
addicted	to	a habit, etc.
affectionate	to	children, friends, etc.
afraid	of	something
alarmed	at	the news, etc.
alien	to	a culture, one's nature, etc.
alive	to	a danger, etc.
allied	(i) with	a country, party, etc.
	(ii) to	something
amazed	at	something
angry	(i) with	a person
	(ii) at	something
annoyed	(i) at	something
	(ii) with	someone
answerable	(i) to	someone
	(ii) for	something
anxious	(i) for	something or someone
	(ii) about	something
applicable	to	someone or something
appropriate	to	an occasion, etc.
ashamed	of	something, e.g. bad conduct, etc.
associated	with	something or someone
astonished	at	something
averse	to	something, e.g. hard work, etc.
based	on	something, e.g. evidence, etc.
bent	on	doing something
beset	with	difficulties, dangers, etc.
blessed	with	prosperity, health, etc.
blind	to	someone's fault, etc.
boastful	of	something, e.g. one's wealth, etc.
born	of	rich, poor, etc. parents
bound	for	a place
busy	with	something
capable	of	something, e.g. hard work, etc.

Adjective	Preposition	Object of Preposition
careful	(i) about (ii) with (iii) of	one's health, money, etc. one's work, etc. one's health, etc.
certain	(i) of (ii) about	something, e.g. success failure, etc.
charged	with	a crime, etc.
clear	of	blame, etc.
committed	to	a course of action, a principle, etc.
common	to	everyone, etc.
comparable	to	something
concerned	(i) about (ii) with	something something or someone
confident	of	success, etc.
conscious	of	something, e.g. one's faults, position, duties, etc.
contented	with	something
contrary	to	something, e.g. a rule, an opinion,
convicted	of	a crime
convinced	of	one's innocence, etc.
deaf	to	advice, pleadings, etc.
defective	in	workmanship, etc.
deficient	in	something
delighted	(i) with (ii) at	one's success, etc. the news, etc.
deprived	of	one's right, property, etc.
determined	on	some course of action, etc.
devoid	of	something, e.g. good sense, etc.
diffident	of	success, etc.
disappointed	(i) with (ii) at	someone something
disgusted	with	someone or something
disqualified	for	a post, etc.
doubtful	(i) of (ii) about	success, etc. what to do, etc.
endowed	with	an ability, etc.
engaged	(i) in (ii) to	something, e.g. some work someone
entitled	to	something
envious	of	someone, something
essential	to/for	happiness, etc.
exhausted	with	work, etc.
familiar	(i) to (ii) with	a person facts, etc.
famous	for	something
fascinated	by	something

Adjective	Preposition	Object of Preposition
favourable	to	someone
full	of	something
fond	of	something, e.g. music, etc.
foreign	to	something, one's culture, temperament
gifted	with	an ability, etc.
given	to	a habit, etc.
glad	of/about	something, some result, etc.
good	at	something, e.g. drawing, etc.
grateful	(i) to (ii) for	someone something
greedy	for	something, e.g. money, etc.
guilty	of	a crime, etc.
harmful	to	something, e.g. health, etc.
heedless	of	consequences, dangers, etc.
honoured	with	something, e.g. an award, etc.
hopeful	of	success, gain, etc.
identical	with	something
ignorant	of	something, e.g. rules, etc.
ill	with	a fever, etc.
impatient	(i) with (ii) at (iii) of	someone something happening, e.g. delay, etc. something, e.g. waiting for a long time etc.
inclined	to	something
indebted	(i) to (ii) for	someone something
independent	of	something
indifferent	to	something, some result, etc.
indispensable	to	some task or result, e.g. success in something
infested	with	something, e.g. rats, etc.
innocent	of	something, e.g. a crime
intimate	with	someone
irrelevant	to	something, e.g. a subject or matter in hand
jealous	of	somebody or something
liable	(i) for (ii) to	something, e.g. someone's debts a fine, illness, etc.
loyal	to	someone
mad	(i) with (ii) about/at (iii) for	anger, pain, etc. something, e.g. missing the train something, (wanting it very much)
mistaken	for	something or someone
negligent	(i) in (ii) of	work, etc. duties, etc.

Adjective	Preposition	Object of Preposition
notorious	for	something bad, e.g. cheating people
obliged	(i) to	someone
	(ii) for	something
occupied	with	some work, business, etc.
offended	with	someone
overwhelmed	with	grief, pity, gratitude, etc.
parallel	to	something
partial	to	someone
peculiar	to	someone or something
polite	to	someone
preferable	to	something else
prepared	for	something, some consequence, etc.
proficient	in	something, e.g. music, mathematics
profitable	to	someone
proud	of	something, e.g. one's learning or wealth
ready	for	something, e.g. an action, an occasion
reduced	to	some state or condition, e.g. poverty.
regardless	of	something, e.g. some consequence
relevant	to	some matter or subject
repentant	of	one's mistakes, etc.
repugnant	to	something, e.g. one's caste or creed
respectful	to	someone superior
responsible	(i) to	someone
	(ii) for	something
restricted	to	place, person, quantity, etc.
rich	in	something, e.g. natural resources, etc.
sacred	to	the memory of someone
satisfied	with	something, e.g. what one has got
sensitive	to	something, e.g. criticism, etc.
short	of	something needed, e.g. money
silent	about	a matter, etc.
similar	to	something
skilful	in	doing something
slow	at	something, e.g. doing sums
sorry	(i) for	someone (person)
	(ii) about	something
subject	to	rules, authority, etc.
sufficient	for	a purpose
suitable	for	a purpose or an occasion, e.g. a picnic,
sure	of	wearing in cold weather, etc.
suspicious	of	something, e.g. winning, etc.
vexed	(i) with	someone
	(ii) at	someone or some state of affairs
wanting	in	something e.g. failure
worthy	of	something, e.g. good manners praise, etc.

QUESTIONS FROM BOARD PAPERS

Fill in the blanks with appropriate prepositions :

1. I left Bombay three weeks and have lived in Delhi then.
2. He jumped the river. (in/into/within)
3. A beautiful picture was put for action. (in/up/out)
4. The river flows the bridge. (across/below/under)
5. Think you leap. (after/till/ before/unless)
6. Knowledge can be handed from one generation to another. (out/on/off/away)
7. Seeta is looking the picture of Mahatma Gandhi. (on/at/from/about)
8. Then the auctioneer a beautiful picture for sale. (put up/ put down/ put out/ put on).
9. The judge convicted the accused murder. (on/of /for/to)
10. I was leaning the wall. (on/ against/with)
11. all his efforts the doctor could not save the man. (in spite of/ instead of / in place of / in search of)
12. Kadar spoke to me his hands in the pocket. (by/in/with)
13. We all sympathise an unfortunate person. (on/with/at)
14. I do not agree what you say. (with/to/at/in)
15. Call the doctor at once. (on/in/at/for)
16. Your behaviour calls punishment. (on/in/at/for)
17. Yesterday I called you in the morning. (for/on/in/at)
18. He died his country. (of/for/from)

Ans.

1. ago, since, 2. into, 3. up, 4. under, 5. before, 6. on, 7. at, 8. put up, 9. of, 10. against, 11. In spite of, 12. with, 13. with, 14. to, 15. on/in, 16. for, 17. on, 18. for.

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1. He is devoid sense. (in / of/ to)
2. We should write ink. (in/by/with)
3. I do not agree what you say. (with/to/at/in)
4. The thief jumped the roof. (of/off/at)
5. Ashok is looking the picture of Mahatma Gandhi. (on/from/at)
6. We prefer coffee tea. (of/to/at)

Ans.

1. of, 2. in, 3. with, 4. off, 5. at, 6. to.