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| **Prepositions: After Adjectives** |
| **Many adjectives are followed by prepositions.** |
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| **ADJ.** | **PREP.** |  | **ADJ.** | **PREP.** |  | **ADJ.** | **PREP.** |
| afraid |  |  | acceptable |  |  | absent |  |
| aware |  |  | adjacent |  |  | different | **from** |
| careful |  |  | attentive |  |  | distinct |  |
| certain |  |  | beneficial |  |  | remote |  |
| conscious |  |  | detrimental |  |  |  |  |
| critical |  |  | essential |  |  | enough |  |
| deserving |  |  | faithful |  |  | fit |  |
| desirous |  |  | friendly |  |  | good | **for** |
| envious |  |  | generous |  |  | grateful |  |
| fearful |  |  | hostile |  |  | necessary |  |
| fond |  |  | inferior | **to** |  | responsible |  |
| full | **of** |  | kind |  |  |  |  |
| glad |  |  | obedient |  |  | deficient |  |
| guilty |  |  | painful |  |  | proficient | **in** |
| ignorant |  |  | partial |  |  | successful |  |
| innocent |  |  | polite |  |  |  |  |
| jealous |  |  | preferable |  |  | compatible |  |
| positive |  |  | rude |  |  | consistent |  |
| proud |  |  | similar |  |  | content | **with** |
| thoughtful |  |  |  |  |  | gentle |  |
| tolerant |  |  | dependent | **on /** |  | patient |  |
| worthy |  |  | intent | **upon** |  |  |  |

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| *Use the required PREPOSITION after each ADJECTIVE.* |

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| 1. | He is frequently absent \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ school because of illness. |
| 2. | All that equipment is not necessary \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ our experiment. |
| 3. | He is very proficient \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ English, but very deficient \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ mathematics. |
| 4. | We’ll have to be content \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the few supplies we have. |
| 5. | The young man left home because he no longer wanted to be dependent \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ his parents. |
| 6. | He was quite aware \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the appeal he had for women. |

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| 7. | That proposal is not acceptable \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ our company. |
| 8. | He has always been faithful \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ his wife. |
| 9. | He is quite different \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ his brother. (Note: The conjunction “than” may also be heard informally after “different”.) |
| 10. | We’re very grateful to you \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ all your help. |
| 11. | He has never been successful \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ anything he has undertaken. |
| 12. | He’s very critical \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ everyone but himself. |
| 13. | How thoughtful \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ you to send flowers to me in the hospital. |
| 14. | The cemetery is adjacent \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the church. |
| 15. | Too much smoking or drinking is detrimental \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ your health. |
| 16. | Is the paper bag strong enough \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ this carton of milk? |
| 17. | Although he’s a stern, gruff man, he’s very gentle \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ children. |
| 18. | He isn’t deserving\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_her love. |
| 19. | She’s very fond \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ young children. |
| 20. | He is very attentive \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ all pretty women. |
| 21. | The jury decided the defendant was guilty \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the murder he was accused of. |
| 22. | She is responsible \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ all the food that is distributed at the shelter. |
| 23. | He always tries to be polite \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ his elders. |
| 24. | She’s very jealous \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the attention her younger sister gets from her parents. |
| 25. | He has never felt inferior \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ his father. |
| 26. | I’m proud \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the way you behaved in that difficult situation. |
| 27. | Be very careful \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ what you say to a jury.  |