

Prepositions: After Adjectives

Many adjectives are followed by prepositions.

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

Use the required PREPOSITION after each ADJECTIVE.

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.