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| **Prepositions: After Participial Adjectives** | | |
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| **FORM:** | Many **“-ed”** participial adjectives are followed by prepositions, usually **“in, to, with, at, about, or, over, by, of.”** |  |
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| **USE:** | **“At”** or **“by”** frequently follows **“-ed”** participial adjectives expressing emotion. **“By”** after **“-ed”** adjectives usually strengthens the passive force of these participial forms. | |
| **EXAMPLES:** | *I’m tired of his never-ending complaints.*  *They have been blessed with many children.*  *We are alarmed at (or by) the way the children have been behaving recently.* | |

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| *Use the required PREPOSITION. In some cases more than one PREPOSITION is possible.* |

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| 1. | He was so absorbed \_\_\_\_\_ the work he was doing that he didn’t notice our entrance into the room. | |
| 2. | I’m well acquainted \_\_\_\_\_ the situation you’re referring to. | |
| 3. | Late in life, he was afflicted \_\_\_\_\_ a terrible disease. | |
| 4. | I’m not ashamed \_\_\_\_\_ anything I’ve done. | |
| 5. | Astonished \_\_\_\_\_ what he saw, he stood rooted to the spot. | |
| 6. | Water is composed \_\_\_\_\_ hydrogen and oxygen. | |
| 7. | I’m quite concerned \_\_\_\_\_ the health of my wife. | |
| 8. | He is endowed \_\_\_\_\_ very great gifts. | |
| 9. | Embarrassed \_\_\_\_\_ the many compliments he was receiving, the speaker began to wish he could leave the room. | |
| 10. | We’re all impressed \_\_\_\_\_ your great knowledge of the subject. | |
| 11. | I’m interested \_\_\_\_\_ buying a diamond ring for my wife. | |
| 12. | Pleased \_\_\_\_\_ the impression he was making, he began to talk about another one of his adventures. | |
| 13. | Because of the way the candidate spoke at the debate, she is disillusioned \_\_\_\_\_ all politicians. | |
| 14. | We were all shocked \_\_\_\_\_ the way they had been treating the children. | |
| 15. | He’s satisfied \_\_\_\_\_ the car he has just bought. |