

Prepositions: After Participial Adjectives

FORM:

Many “-ed” participial adjectives are followed by prepositions, usually “in, to, with, at, about, or, over, by, of.”

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.

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

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.