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| Prepositions: With Adjectives, Past Participles | |
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| **FORM:** | **Specific prepositions follow certain adjectives and past participles.** |
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| **USE:** | It is impossible to explain the use of these prepositions - the rules are arbitrary. |
| **EXAMPLES:** | *I’m interested in the history of Japan.*  *I’m happy about having a day off.*  *They’re pleased with their new offices.* |

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| *Fill in the blanks with the appropriate PREPOSITION.* |

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| 1. | She is very enthusiastic \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ starting her new job. |
| 2. | Jane despairs \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ getting everything ready before she has to move. |
| 3. | She is tired \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ living in a small town. |
| 4. | In his new job, Bob will be responsible \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the library and resource centre. |
| 5. | He is fond \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ learning new computer programs. |
| 6. | After years of trying, they succeeded \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ getting the Acme Co. contract. |
| 7. | We are really happy \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ her work. |
| 8. | They are very excited \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ going to Hawaii. |
| 9. | They are very pleased \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ their new car. |
| 10. | We are aware \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ several new Thai restaurants downtown. |
| 11. | Jack has been a file clerk for years. I think he’s a little bored \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ it. |
| 12. | When the patient came to, he was conscious \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the nurses and doctor around him. |
| 13. | They were amazed \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the money they were making on the stock market. |
| 14. | They were frightened \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the sudden appearance of the bear. |
| 15. | Martin was sad \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ having to cancel the picnic because of the rain. |
| 16. | The kids are thrilled \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ going to Disney World. |
| 17. | Stephanie is ready \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ leave at any time. |