

Prepositions: With Adjectives, Past Participles

FORM:

Specific prepositions follow certain adjectives and past participles.

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.

Fill in the blanks with the appropriate PREPOSITION.

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.