

Prepositions: Following Adjectives and Past Participles

FORM:

Specific prepositions follow certain adjectives and past participles.

E.g. about, at, with, of, to, in, for

USE:

It is impossible to explain the use of these preposition - 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.

Paul is tired of living in a small apartment.

I'm sorry for being late.

He is angry at/with his boss.

Fill in the blanks with the appropriate PREPOSITION.

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