

Activity Type

Vocabulary Exercises:
matching, gap-fill

Speaking Activity:
describing, asking and
answering questions from
prompts, freer practice
(pair work)

Focus

Adjective-preposition
collocations

Aim

To practice everyday
adjective-preposition
collocations.

Preparation

Make one copy of the
worksheet for each
student.

Level

Intermediate (B1)

Time

25 minutes

Introduction

This adjectives and prepositions worksheet helps students practice everyday adjective-preposition collocations.

Procedure

Give each student a copy of the worksheet.

First, students match sentence halves together to make sentences containing adjective-preposition collocations.

Exercise A - Answer key

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| 1 g. interested in | 7 k. famous for |
| 2 h. absent from | 8 d. worried about |
| 3 l. bored with | 9 e. excited about |
| 4 j. angry with | 10 f. scared of |
| 5 b. proud of | 11 a. good at |
| 6 i. keen on | 12 c. jealous of |

Review the meaning of each adjective-preposition collocation with the class.

Next, divide the students into pairs.

Students then describe the pictures on their worksheet using the adjective-preposition collocations from the first exercise.

Afterwards, get feedback on their descriptions.

Next, students complete questions with the correct prepositions.

Exercise C - Answer key

1. What are you interested **in**?
2. Do you get excited **about** going on holiday?
3. What is your country famous **for**?
4. What school subjects were you keen **on** as a child?
5. What do you get angry **with** people about?
6. How often are you absent **from** class?
7. Do you get jealous **of** people?
8. What are you scared **of**?

Students then ask and answer the questions with their partner.

Finally, get feedback from the class on their answers to the questions. Any interesting findings can be discussed in more detail.

A. Match the sentence halves together.

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| 1. I'm interested | a. at English. She got 100% in her last test. |
| 2. Paolo is absent | b. of me, because I just received a promotion. |
| 3. I'm bored | c. of his friend, because he's just bought a Ferrari. |
| 4. My dad got angry | d. about Liam. He didn't come home last night. |
| 5. My girlfriend is proud | e. about their trip around the world. |
| 6. I'm not very keen | f. of taking the lift. He has to use the stairs. |
| 7. Manchester in England is famous | g. in web design, but I hate programming. |
| 8. I'm really worried | h. from school today, because he's sick. |
| 9. Helen and Mary are excited | i. on fishing. I think it's so boring. |
| 10. Terry's scared | j. with me, because I came home late. |
| 11. Estelle's really good | k. for its football team. |
| 12. Walter's jealous | l. with taking the bus. I want to go by car instead. |

B. In pairs, describe the pictures using the adjective-preposition collocations above.



C. Complete each question with the correct preposition. Then, ask and answer the questions with your partner.

1. What are you interested
2. Do you get excited going on holiday?
3. What is your country famous
4. What school subjects were you keen as a child?
5. What do you get angry people about?
6. How often are you absent class?
7. Do you get jealous people?
8. What are you scared