



It was nice of you to ...

**nice / kind / good / generous / polite / stupid / silly** etc. **OF** somebody (to do something)

- Thank you. It was very **kind of you** to help me.
- It is **stupid of me** to go out without a coat in such cold weather.

**but (be) nice / kind / good / generous / polite / rude / friendly / cruel** etc. **TO** somebody

- They have always been very **nice to me**. (*not with me*)
- Why were you so **unfriendly to** Lucy?

**Adjective + about / with**

**angry / annoyed / furious** { **ABOUT** something  
**WITH** somebody **FOR** doing something

- It's stupid to get **angry about** things that don't matter.
- Are you **annoyed with** me for being late?

**excited / worried / upset / nervous / happy** etc. **ABOUT** a situation

- Are you **excited about** going away next week?
- Lisa is **upset about** not being invited to the party.

**delighted / pleased / satisfied / happy / disappointed** **WITH** something you receive, or the result of something

- I was **delighted with** the present you gave me.
- Were you **happy with** your exam results?

### Adjective + at / by / with

surprised / shocked / amazed / astonished **AT / BY** something

- Everybody was **surprised AT** (or **BY**) the news.
- I hope you weren't **shocked BY** (or **AT**) what I said.

impressed **WITH / BY** somebody/something

- I'm very **impressed with** (or **by**) her English. It's very good.

fed up / bored **WITH** something

- I don't enjoy my job any more. I'm **fed up with** it. / I'm **bored with** it.

### Sorry about / for

sorry **ABOUT** a situation or something that happened

- I'm **sorry about** the mess. I'll clear it up later.
- We're all **sorry about** Julie losing her job.

sorry **FOR / ABOUT** something you did

- Alex is very **sorry for** what he said. (or **sorry about** what he said)
- I'm **sorry for** shouting at you yesterday. (or **sorry about** shouting)

You can also say 'I'm sorry I (did something)':

- I'm **sorry I shouted** at you yesterday.

feel / be sorry **FOR** somebody who is in a bad situation

- I **feel sorry for** Matt. He's had a lot of bad luck. (*not* I feel sorry about Matt)

### Adjective + of (1)

afraid / frightened / terrified / scared **OF** ...

- 'Are you **afraid of** spiders?' 'Yes, I'm **terrified of** them.'

fond / proud / ashamed / jealous / envious **OF** ...

- Why are you always so **jealous of** other people?

suspicious / critical / tolerant **OF** ...

- He didn't trust me. He was **suspicious of** my intentions.

### Adjective + of (2)

aware / conscious **OF** ...

- 'Did you know he was married?' 'No, I wasn't **aware of** that.'

capable / incapable **OF** ...

- I'm sure you are **capable of** passing the examination.

full / short **OF** ...

- The letter I wrote was **full of** mistakes. (*not* full with)
- I'm a bit **short of** money. Can you lend me some?

typical **OF** ...

- He's late again. It's **typical of** him to keep everybody waiting.

tired / sick **OF** ...

- Come on, let's go! I'm **tired of** waiting. (= I've had enough of waiting.)

certain / sure **OF** or **ABOUT** ...

- I think she's arriving this evening, but I'm not **sure of** that. or ... **sure about** that.

**Adjective + at / to / from / in / on / with / for**

**good / bad / brilliant / better / hopeless etc. AT ...**

- I'm not very **good at** repairing things. (*not good in* repairing things)

**married / engaged TO ...**

- Linda is **married to** an American. (*not married with*)

*but* Linda is married **with three children**. (= she is married and has three children)

**similar TO ...**

- Your writing is **similar to** mine.

**different FROM or different TO ...**

- The film was **different from** what I'd expected. (*or different to* what I'd expected.)

**interested IN ...**

- Are you **interested in** art?

**keen ON ...**

- We stayed at home because Chris wasn't very **keen on** going out.

**dependent ON ... (but independent OF ...)**

- I don't want to be **dependent on** anybody.

**crowded WITH (people etc.)**

- The streets were **crowded with** tourists. (*but full of* tourists)

**famous FOR ...**

- The Italian city of Florence is **famous for** its art treasures.

**responsible FOR ...**

- Who was **responsible for** all that noise last night?

**Task 1**

Choose the correct variant:

1. They are excited \_\_\_\_\_ their trip to Rome next June.

about

at

by

for

from

2. I feel sorry \_\_\_\_\_ Jack. He is so lonely these days. Are you good at golf?

about

at

by

for

from

3. That house is different \_\_\_\_\_ the one I was looking for.

about

at

by

for

than

4. Cezanne is famous \_\_\_\_\_ his landscapes.

about

at

by

for

from

5. I must admit I was shocked \_\_\_\_\_ her behavior at the party.

about

at

by

for

from

6. She's rather worried \_\_\_\_\_ her son's studies.

from

about

at

by

for

7. I'm just hopeless \_\_\_\_\_ playing the guitar.

about

at

by

for

from

8. She's furious \_\_\_\_\_ her son's grades in school.

about

at

by

for

from

9. They were surprised \_\_\_\_\_ their good fortune.

about

at

by

for

from

10. I'm upset \_\_\_\_\_ my health.

about

at

by

for

from

11. She was annoyed \_\_\_\_\_ Tom for ignoring their agreement.

about

at

by

for

with

12. Peter was angry \_\_\_\_\_ Jack because he came late to the party.

about

at

by

for

from

## Task 2

Choose the correct variant:

1. It was very kind \_\_\_\_\_ you to buy me such a wonderful present. Thank you!

of

on

to

with

2. The store was crowded \_\_\_\_\_ people.

of

on

to

with

3. I have been married \_\_\_\_\_ Barbara for over ten years.

of

on

to

with

4. She was very good \_\_\_\_\_ Jack while he was visiting.

of

on

to

with

5. It was very good \_\_\_\_\_ you to come.

of

on

to

with

6. They are very keen \_\_\_\_\_ stamp collecting.

of

on

to

with

7. Their house is quite similar \_\_\_\_\_ ours.

of

on

to

with

8. I'm afraid I'm rather disappointed \_\_\_\_\_ my new computer.

of

on

to

with

9. His teachers were cruel \_\_\_\_\_ him when he was young.

of

on

to

with

10. She is proud \_\_\_\_\_ her high marks on the exam.

of

on

to

with

11. Unfortunately, he is quite jealous \_\_\_\_\_ his neighbor's new car.

of

on

to

with

12. It was rather clever \_\_\_\_\_ George to combine his business trip with a visit to his favorite museum.

of

on

to

with

13. He's become bored \_\_\_\_\_ his latest hobby.

of

on

to

with

14. I'm afraid he is incapable \_\_\_\_\_ understanding the most basic concepts.

of

on

to

with

15. Alice! Don't be rude \_\_\_\_\_ your grandmother.

of

on

to

with

### Task 3

Fill the gaps with the necessary preposition:

1. I love new experiences - I am always eager ... the next thing.
2. Don't be angry ... me, please.
3. I have been kept very busy ... these exercises.
4. She is capable ... great things!
5. He was very cruel ... his girl-friend when he broke up with her.
6. The thief said he was also guilty ... murder.
7. Italy is south ... Switzerland.
8. I am conscious ... the difficulty of learning these prepositions.
9. My students are very dear ... me.
10. He is very efficient ... what he does.
11. I think the people of the former colony are happy to be independent ... the colonial power.
12. My old dog is very faithful ... me.
13. Are you sure ... what you are saying?
14. France lies to the west ... Switzerland.
15. Tennis stars are very popular ... young people.
16. Some people are unfortunately ignorant ... geography.
17. The president of the country became very angry ... the Google map changes.
18. I am ready ... help you now.
19. I am grateful ... you for all you have done for me.
20. I am sad ... the situation in the world.



Task 4

Put in the correct preposition:

- 1 I was delighted with the present you gave me.
- 2 It was very nice ..... you to do my shopping for me. Thank you very much.
- 3 Why are you always so rude ..... your parents? Can't you be nice ..... them?
- 4 It was careless ..... you to leave the door unlocked when you went out.
- 5 They didn't reply to our letter, which wasn't very polite ..... them.
- 6 We always have the same food every day. I'm fed up ..... it.
- 7 I can't understand people who are cruel ..... animals.
- 8 We enjoyed our holiday, but we were a bit disappointed ..... the hotel.
- 9 I was surprised ..... the way he behaved. It was completely out of character.
- 10 I've been trying to learn Spanish, but I'm not very satisfied ..... my progress.
- 11 Linda doesn't look very well. I'm worried ..... her.
- 12 Are you angry ..... what happened?
- 13 I'm sorry ..... what I did. I hope you're not angry ..... me.
- 14 The people next door are furious ..... us ..... making so much noise last night.
- 15 Jill starts her new job next week. She's quite excited ..... it.
- 16 I'm sorry ..... the smell of paint in this room. I've just decorated it.
- 17 I was shocked ..... what I saw. I'd never seen anything like it before.
- 18 The man we interviewed for the job was intelligent, but we weren't very impressed ..... his appearance.
- 19 Are you still upset ..... what I said to you yesterday?
- 20 He said he was sorry ..... the situation, but there was nothing he could do.
- 21 I felt sorry ..... the children when we went on holiday. It rained every day and they had to spend most of the time indoors.