

Level II – Preposition Combinations

FOR THE MIDTERM EMOTIONS

***REMEMBER: PREPOSITIONS
ARE TYPICALLY FOLLOWED BY
NOUNS OR GERUNDS!
EXAMPLES:**

**I AM THINKING ABOUT SWIMMING.
I AM THINKING ABOUT MARRIAGE.**

POSITIVE EMOTIONS

- 1. To be bored with (something / someone):** to be disinterested in something, especially when something is dull or repetitive.
-I am bored with this book. I am going to watch TV instead.
-The class was bored with learning preposition combinations.
-Ignacio is bored with his girlfriend. He wants to be single again.
- 2. To be content with (something / someone):** satisfied or pleased with someone or something.
-Tim is content with his English classes. He has learned a lot and met many friends.
-Maria Jose is content with her boss. He treats her with respect.
- 3. To be excited about (something):** to be full of strong, pleasant emotions about something. Not calm.
-Lisa is excited about starting her first year at college next year.
-I am excited about my vacation next week.
- 4. To be fond of (something / someone):** To like something or someone.
-Elizabeth is fond of Julia's children. She invites them to the movies every Friday.
-Bob proposed to me. I said no because even though I am rather fond of him, I do not love him in that way.
- 5. To be grateful to (someone) / to be grateful for (something):** Feeling or showing thanks to another person or thing.
-Shelly is grateful to the neighbors who called the police when they saw the thieves enter her house.
-Molly is grateful for the donation which helped her during her illness.
- 6. To be interested in (someone / something):** To be concerned; to show interest in something or someone.
-Mark is interested in the new job they offered him at Burger King.
-I am interested in traveling to Europe this summer. It could be very cool!
-Jorge is interested in one of the girls in his Level 2 class at Fulbright. Do you know which one?
- 7. To be prepared for:** To get ready in advance for (something)...sometimes people, too.
-After a week of meetings, I think we are finally prepared for this presentation.
-Are you prepared for the Final Exams next week?
- 8. To be proud of (someone / something):** Showing or feeling respect, mostly for people, but occasionally for things, or concepts.
-I was so proud of Mike for making the football team this year.
-I was so proud of Barcelona when they won the championship. They truly deserved it.
- 9. To be satisfied with (someone / something):** Feeling content or pleased with someone or something.
-Are you satisfied with your life?
-Sara always complains about everything. She is never satisfied with anything.

NEGATIVE EMOTIONS

- 1. To be afraid of (something / someone):** To have fear of someone or something.
-I have a friend who is afraid of insects. He is even afraid of butterflies.
-Sometimes, Jorge is afraid of his mother.
-Andres is afraid of marriage.
- 2. To be angry at, with (something / someone):** To feel mad at or furious with a person or situation.
-I was angry at him for making me wait so long.
-Erin is angry with Hank because he took the car without asking for her permission.
- 3. To be annoyed at, with (someone / something):** To feel irritated or a little angry with a person or situation.
-I am annoyed with all of the flies that are in this room. UGH!
-Mark is annoyed at his secretary because she always forgets to give him messages.
- 4. To be concerned about (something / someone):** To feel anxious or worried.
-We were very concerned about our mother after the accident. We didn't know if she would walk again.
-Jennifer went to the doctor because she is concerned about a mole she has on the back of her neck.
- 5. To be disappointed in, with (someone / something):** To feel unhappy at seeing something not come true. To feel unhappy when someone does not fulfill expectations.
-My parents will be very disappointed in me if I do not pass Rod's class.
-I am disappointed with not getting a job.
- 6. To be envious of (someone / something):** To feel jealous or show jealousy of someone or something.
-I am envious of Peter because he got the scholarship I wanted.
-Isabel said she was envious of all the free time I have on the weekends because she has to work on Saturdays and Sundays.

FOR THE FINAL

- 1. To be jealous of (someone / something):** To want something or someone that someone else has for some reason; to be envious of.
-Sean is jealous of my new puppy. He has always wanted one.
-My brother is jealous of my musical abilities.
- 2. To be scared of (someone / something):** to have fear of something or someone.
-I am scared of ghosts, so I don't like to go into old houses.
-When Rod was young, he was scared of the dark.
-Many students are scared of the Academic Coordinator, but they shouldn't be. He's a nice guy.
- 3. To be terrified of (someone / something):** to have a strong sense of fear of someone or something.
-I am terrified of flying, so I always take a bus wherever I go.
-Heather is terrified of dogs because she was bitten by one when she was a child.
- 4. To be upset with (someone / something):** To feel unhappy or disappointed with someone or something.
-I am upset with you for not coming to my party. You promised you would be there.
-Robert was upset with his wife because she accidentally called him Juan during an intimate moment.
- 5. To be worried about (someone / something):** To feel anxious or uncertain about something or someone.
-I am worried about my cat. She has not eaten for two days, and I think she is sick.
-Frank has not come to class all week, so now he is worried about failing the course.

FIGURATIVE / MENTAL STATES

- 1. To be acquainted with (someone / something):** To know someone or something casually.
-Sue is acquainted with Tom. They met once at a party.
-All the employees must read the report to be acquainted with the new policies.
- 2. To be accustomed to (someone / something):** To be in the habit of doing something. ***typically used with a gerund.
-I am not accustomed to waking up early in the morning. It is tough!
-Paul gets tired just jogging around the block. He is not accustomed to exercising.
- 3. To be aware of (someone / something):** To have knowledge or understanding; to be conscious of.
-He was not aware of the fact that the office was closed on Monday morning.
-It is important to always be aware of your surroundings when you are walking alone.
- 4. To be blessed with (someone / something):** To be given a special gift or quality without one's control.
-Kathy has been blessed with a happy marriage and two healthy children.
-James doesn't have much money, but he has been blessed with a good sense of humor and excellent health.
- 5. To be capable of (something):** To have the ability of doing or being something.
-Everyone is capable of passing the course if they study and pay attention in class.
-Sometimes, Mary feels that she is just not capable of learning Italian.
- 6. To be committed to (someone or something):** To pledge or engage oneself to a person or an activity
-Jane studies all day. She is really committed to becoming a nurse.
-Ron has several girlfriends. He is not truly committed to any of them.
- 7. To be convinced of (something) → before a noun, gerund, or phrase:** To be completely sure of something.
-I am not fully convinced of that man's innocence. I think he did rob the bank.
-Lisa cannot be convinced of anything unless she sees it for herself.
- 8. To be dedicated to (someone / something):** To be wholly committed to something; to some thing or person
-Bob is dedicated to his wife. He has not left her side since she got sick.
-Alan is dedicated to his job. He works 12 hours a day and goes in on Saturdays.
- 9. To be aware of (something / someone) → before a noun, gerund, or phrase:** to be conscious.
-Fulbright students must be aware of their attendance.
-Are you aware of Fulbright's policy on plagiarism?