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Language – Adjectives & Prepositions

Starter:

From memory, can you remember which prepositions go into these spaces?

1. It's important for us to make a change **to** your contract.
2. Do you have a photograph **of/with** your family?
3. There isn't a good enough reason **for** arriving late to the wedding.
4. Many patients have anxiety **about** undergoing procedures.
5. What is one advantage **of** living in a hot country?
6. We reached a decision **about** the location for our next holiday.

Like verbs and nouns, prepositions can follow adjectives too.

It can be difficult but there are some patterns – see if you can notice them.

Exercise 1

eligible associated excellent angry afraid anxious famous familiar capable proud ready worried satisfied interested surprised nervous responsible suggestive good helpful suitable experienced involved terrified disappointed skilled excited					
of	for	in	with	about	at
Afraid	Good	Interested	Associated	Angry	Good
Capable	Eligible	Helpful	Angry	Anxious	Excellent
Proud	Excellent	Experienced	Familiar	Worried	Angry
Suggestive	Famous	Involved	Satisfied	Nervous	Skilled
Terrified	Ready		Involved	Excited	
	Responsible		Disappointed	Surprised	
	Helpful			Disappointed	
	Suitable				

Exercise 2

Fill the gap so that the sentence makes sense

Every gap needs an adjective + preposition

- 1) I am **experienced in/excellent at/good at/skilled at** heart surgery. I have been working in this field for 22 years.
- 2) She presented with symptoms **suggestive of/associated with** pneumonia.
- 3) Mrs Green is very **nervous about/anxious about/worried about/terrified of/afraid of** her upcoming procedure. Can you reassure her please?
- 4) A number of patients have reported that they are **worried about/disappointed about** the hospital food.
- 5) As Mr Smith is over 65, he is **eligible for** free physiotherapy sessions.
- 6) Imodium can be very **helpful in** managing diarrhoea.
- 7) Nurses are very **excellent at/experienced in/skilled at/good at** dealing with worried patients.
- 8) Mr Green is not **capable of/interested in** doing his ADLs after his recent surgery.
- 9) I am **satisfied with/proud of** the stitches you gave Mrs Farnham. Good job.
- 10) Mr Davidson is now **ready for** the next stage of chemotherapy.
- 11) Are you **familiar with/aware of** Kernig's sign?
- 12) I am the manager of this ward and I am **responsible for/aware of** all medical work that takes place here.
- 13) Isotretinoin is **unsuitable for** Mrs Green because she is pregnant.
- 14) It's ok to bring a friend into the room if you are **afraid of/terrified of** needles.