

Common Preposition Combinations

“In English, many nouns, verbs, and adjectives are commonly followed by prepositions. If you are not sure whether to use a preposition with a particular word or if you are not sure which preposition to use, look up the word in [the] dictionary.”¹ Often different prepositions used with the same word indicate different senses of the word, e.g. concerned about (worried) vs. concerned in (involved in or affected by), or different relations of the word to the noun phrase after the preposition, e.g. angry at (a person) or angry about (something). The following is a list of words commonly used by students at Claremont School of Theology followed by their prepositions.

Words that don't take prepositions:

consider, discuss, influence (active verb form), comprise (active verb form), parallel (active verb form), emphasize (active verb form)

A

access	to
accompanied	by
accomplished	by
according	to
account	for
accustomed	to
accused	of
acquainted	with
adapt	to
addicted	to
adjust	to
affected	by
afraid	of
agree	with
annoyed	about (subject) /with/at (person)
amazed	at/by
analogous	to
angry	at/with (someone) about/over(something)
anxious	about
appreciated	for
approve	of
ashamed	of
assist	in
associated	with
astonished	at/by
attached	to
attempt	to

¹ *Longman Advanced American Dictionary*, 2000, “Words Followed by Prepositions.”

attribute	to
available	for/to
aware	of
B	
bad	at (doing something)/for (person)
based	on
because	of
belong	to
benefit	from
beneficial	to
bias	toward
boastful	for
bored	with/by
brilliant	at
busy	with
on behalf	of
C	
capable	of
capacity	for
careful	with/about/of
certain	about
characteristic	of
clever	at
coherent	with
coincide	with
comment	on
commitment	to
communicate	with
compared	to/with
compatible	with
compensate	for
compiled	by
composed	of
concentrate	on
conflict	with
conform	to
connected	to
constrained	by
content	with
contribute	to
convert	to
cooperate	with (someone) on (something)

correspond	to/with
crazy	about
crowded	with
curious	about
in conjunction	with
in contrast	to
D	
deduce	from
delighted	at/about
depend	on/upon (someone) for (something)
derived	from
devoted	to
differ	from
different	from
disagree	with (someone) about (something)
disappointed	in/with
dissatisfied	with
distinct	from
divide	into
due	to
E	
eager	for
eligible	for
emphasis	on
enable	(someone) to
enthusiastic	about
envious	of
equal	to
equivalent	to
escape	from
excellent	in/at
excited	about
exclude	from
experienced	in/at
exposed	to
expressed	by
F	
faithful	to
familiar	with
famous	for

fed up	with
free	of/from
friendly	to/with
frightened	of/by
focus	on
fond	of
full	of
furious	with (someone) about (something)
furnished	with
G	
generous	with/about
gentle	with
good	for/at
graduate	from
grateful	to
guilty	of/about
H	
happy	about
hopeful	of/about
I	
identical	with/to
illustrated	by
incapable	of
indicated	by
inferior	to
influenced	by
immune	to
impact	on
implications	for
implicit	in
impose	on
impressed	with
inclined	to
inherent	in
innocent	of
insist	on (-ing verb)
isolated	from
interact	with
interested	in
introduce	(someone) to (someone)
invite	(someone) to (event)

involved in (something), with (person)

J

jealous of
justified by

K

kind to

know about

L

late for
laugh at
lead to
limited to/by
link to
listen to/for
look at/for
lucky at

M

made of
married to
mediate between
minister to (someone)
ministry for (purpose)

N

nervous about
notorious for

O

obtained from
opposed to
owing to

P

participate in
patient with
persist in (--ing verb)
perspective on
pessimistic about
pleased with
polite to
popular with
potential for

prepared	for
presented	with
prior	to (event or date)
protect	(something or someone) from (something or someone)
proud	of
punished	for
puzzled	by/about

Q

qualified	for
quote	from

R

react	to
ready	for
recover	from
related	to
relevant	to
rely	on
removed	from
respect	for
respond	to
responsible	for
restricted	to
rid	of
role	in

S

sad	about
safe	from
satisfied	with
scared	of
search	for
selected	from
sensitive	to
separate	from
serious	about
sick	of
similar	to
shocked	at/by
skillful	at

slow	at/to
sorry	for/about
specified	by
stem	from
submit	to
subsequent	to
successful	in
suitable	for
sure	of/about
superior	to
surprised	at /by
suspicious	of
sympathetic	with
T	
terrible	at
terrified	of/by
tired	of
thankful	to/for
thrilled	with
trace	(something) to
transfer	from x to y
transformed	by
troubled	with
typical	of
U	
unaware	of
understanding	of
unique	to
upset	about
used	to
V	
valid	for
vary	from x to y
vision	of
W	
wait	for
wrong	with/about
worried	about

