

# Dependent Prepositions

## Activity Sheet (page 1/2)

Dependent Prepositions are Prepositions which are usually used with a particular verb, noun, or adjective. In this activity sheet we are going to look at those used with verbs and adjectives.

### A. Match the beginnings of the sentences with the correct endings.

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| 1. We don't like talking .....           | a. <b>at</b> Peter's funny joke.              |
| 2. The children weren't interested ..... | b. <b>for</b> their students.                 |
| 3. Alice is jealous .....                | c. <b>about</b> politics.                     |
| 4. We were all shocked .....             | d. <b>in</b> what the teacher was saying.     |
| 5. Percy is addicted .....               | e. <b>of</b> her new baby brother.            |
| 6. We all laughed .....                  | f. <b>to</b> coffee. He drinks 10 cups a day. |
| 7. A teacher is responsible .....        | g. <b>with</b> what he said.                  |
| 8. Poor Malclom suffers .....            | h. <b>by</b> the terrible news.               |
| 9. I'm not keen .....                    | i. <b>from</b> awful headaches.               |
| 10. I disagree .....                     | j. <b>on</b> this wine. It's far too fruity.  |

### B. Put the verbs and adjectives below under the Prepositions with which they are used. Some may be used with more than one.

lend    believe    fond    blame    afraid    sensitive    famous    know    accuse  
 good    borrow    worry    rely    argue    belong    confused    attached

<b>at</b>	<b>for</b>	<b>by</b>	<b>in</b>	<b>of</b>

<b>to</b>	<b>about</b>	<b>from</b>	<b>on</b>	<b>with</b>

### C. There are some words that can be followed by more than one Preposition. Complete the sentence pairs below.

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| 1. a. Sam is bad ..... spelling.     | b. Smoking is bad ..... your health.       |
| 2. a. I complained ..... our meal.   | b. I complained ..... him about the rules. |
| 3. a. I agree ..... you.             | b. I agreed ..... his idea.                |
| 4. a. I apologised ..... being late. | b. I apologised ..... her.                 |
| 5. a. A spoon is used ..... eating.  | b. The blue car is used ..... Mary.        |

**D. Complete each sentence with a suitable Preposition. Afterwards, talk with a partner and guess which answer is correct.**

1. The architect Antonio Gaudi is famous ..... designing:
  - a. The Vatican
  - b. La Sagrada Familia
  - c. The Tower of London
2. An *ornithologist* is someone who knows a lot .....:
  - a. fish
  - b. reptiles
  - c. birds
3. Vampires are sensitive .....:
  - a. sugar
  - b. fire
  - c. daylight
4. People suffering from *hippopotomonstrosesquippedaliophobia* are afraid .....:
  - a. long hair
  - b. long words
  - c. thunder and lightning
5. An *athiest* is someone who doesn't believe .....:
  - a. marriage
  - b. God/a god
  - c. life after death
6. The bones with which your fingers are attached ..... your hands are called your:
  - a. knuckles
  - b. nickles
  - c. kickles
7. A *corkscrew* is used .....:
  - a. making holes
  - b. opening bottles
  - c. fixing bicycles
8. If someone is accused ..... *arson*, people think that they:
  - a. stole something
  - b. damaged something
  - c. set fire to something
9. If a person is suffering ..... *hay fever*, they have:
  - a. an allergy
  - b. an infection
  - c. an addiction
10. A *hypochondriac* is someone who worries obsessively .....:
  - a. their weight
  - b. their health
  - c. their hairstyle

**E. Complete the questions using suitable Prepositions, then ask them to your partner.**

1. Have you ever complained ..... the service in a restaurant? If so, what happened?
2. If you could have a special talent, what would you like to be good .....?
3. Is there anything that you are addicted .....? If so, have you ever tried to give it up?
4. Have you ever been blamed ..... doing something you didn't do? If so, what was it?
5. Is there any food that you are not particularly fond .....? If so, what is it?
6. Do you belong ..... any clubs or organisations? If so, which ones?
7. Have you ever lent money ..... a friend? If so, did they pay you back?
8. When was the last time you argued ..... someone? What did you argue about?
9. When was the last time you apologised ..... someone? What was the reason?
10. Which modern device do you rely ..... the most? Do you think you could live without it?