### E PREPOSITION COMBINATIONS WITH ADJECTIVES AND VERBS

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*be accused of*  
*be accustomed to*  
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*be afraid of*  
*be angry at, with*  
*be annoyed with, by*  
*be apologizing for*  
*be approving of*  
*be arguing with, about*  
*be arriving in, at*  
*be associated with*  
*be aware of* |
| B      | *be believing in*  
*be blaming for*  
*be blessed with*  
*be bored with, by* |
| C      | *be capable of*  
*be careful about, for*  
*be cluttered with*  
*be committed to*  
*be comparing to, with*  
*be complaining about, of*  
*be composed of*  
*be concerned about*  
*be connected to*  
*be consisting of*  
*be content with*  
*be contributing to*  
*be convinced of*  
*be coordinating with*  
*be counting (up)on*  
*be covering with*  
*be crowded with* |
| D      | *be deciding (up)on*  
*be dedicating (up)on*  
*be devoting to*  
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*be discriminating against*  
*be distinguishing from*  
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| E      | *be engaged in, to*  
*be envying of*  
*be equipping with*  
*be escaping from*  
*be excelling in, at*  
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| F      | *be faithful to*  
*be familiar with*  
*be feeling like*  
*be fighting for*  
*be filling with*  
*be finishing with*  
*be fond of*  
*be forgetting about*  
*be forgiving for*  
*be friendly to, with*  
*be frightened of, by*  
*be furnishing with* |
| G      | *be being gone from*  
*be being grateful to, for*  
*be being guilty of* |
| H      | *be hiding from*  
*be hoping for* |
| I      | *be being innocent of*  
*be being interested in*  
*be being involved in*  
| J      | *be being jealous of*  
| K      | *be keeping from*  
*be being known for*  
| L      | *be being limited to*  
*be being located in*  
*be looking forward to*  
| M      | *be being made of, from*  
*be being married to*  
| O      | *be object to*  
*be being opposed to*  
| P      | *be participating in*  
*be being patient with*  
*be being pleased with*  
*be being polite to*  
*be praying for*  
*be being prepared for*  
*be preventing from*  
*be protecting from*  
*be being proud of*  
*be providing with*  
| Q      | *be being qualified for*  
| R      | *be being recovered from*  
*be being related to*  
*be being relevant to*  
*be being relying (up)on*  
*be being remembered for*  
*be being rescued from*  
| S      | *be being satisfied with*  
*be being scared of, by*  
*be being stared at*  
*be being stopping from*  
*be being subscribing to*  
*be being substituting for*  
*be being succeeding in*  
| T      | *be being taking advantage of*  
*be being taking care of*  
*be being talking about, of*  
| U      | *be being upset with*  
*be being used to*  
| V      | *be voting for*  
| W      | *being worried about* |
EXERCISE 21. Prepositions. (Chart E)
Directions: Complete the sentences with appropriate prepositions.
1. Do you believe _______ ghosts?
2. Anthony is engaged _______ my cousin.
3. Ms. Ballas substituted _______ our regular teacher.
4. I can’t distinguish one twin _______ the other.
5. Did you forgive him _______ lying to you?
6. Children rely _______ their parents for food and shelter.
7. Tim wore sunglasses to protect his eyes _______ the sun.
8. Chris excels _______ sports.
9. Andrea contributed her ideas _______ the discussion.
10. I hope you succeed _______ your new job.
11. I’m very fond _______ their children.
12. The firefighters rescued many people _______ the burning building.
13. I don’t care _______ spaghetti. I’d rather eat something else.
14. Charles doesn’t seem to care _______ his bad grades.
15. Sometimes Bobby seems to be jealous _______ his brother.

EXERCISE 22. Prepositions. (Chart E)
Directions: Complete the sentences with appropriate prepositions.
1. Max is known _______ his honesty.
2. Mr. and Mrs. Jones have always been faithful _______ each other.
3. Do you promise to come? I’m counting _______ you to be here.
4. Trucks are prohibited _______ using residential streets.
5. The little girl is afraid _______ an imaginary bear that lives in her closet.
6. Do you take good care _______ your health?
7. I’m worried _______ this problem.
8. I don’t agree _______ you.
9. We decided _______ eight o’clock as the time we should meet.
10. Who did you vote _______ in the last election?
11. How many students were absent _______ class yesterday?
12. It is important to be polite _______ other people.
13. The farmers are hoping _______ rain.
14. Jason was late because he wasn't aware _______ the time.
15. We will fight _______ our rights.

**EXERCISE 23. Prepositions. (Chart E)**

*Directions:* Complete the sentences with appropriate prepositions.

1. I am not familiar _______ that author's works.
2. He doesn't approve _______ smoking.
3. I subscribe _______ several magazines.
5. I became uncomfortable because she was staring _______ me.
6. She hid the candy _______ the children.
7. He never argues _______ his wife.
8. I arrived _______ this country two weeks ago.
9. We arrived _______ the airport ten minutes late.
10. Has Mary recovered _______ her illness?
11. I pray _______ peace.
12. I am envious _______ people who can speak three or four languages fluently.
13. Why are you angry _______ me? Did I do something wrong?
14. They are very patient _______ their children.
15. The students responded _______ the questions.

**EXERCISE 24. Prepositions. (Chart E)**

*Directions:* Supply appropriate prepositions.

1. I am grateful _______ you _______ your assistance.
2. The criminal escaped _______ prison.
3. Elizabeth is not content _______ the progress she is making.
4. Paul's comments were not relevant _______ the topic under discussion.
5. Have you decided _______ a date for your wedding yet?
6. My boots are made _______ leather.
7. I'm depending _______ you to finish this work for me.
8. Patricia applied _______ admission _______ the university.
9. Daniel dreamed _______ some of his childhood friends last night.
10. Mr. Miller dreams _______ owning his own business someday.
11. The accused woman was innocent _______ the crime with which she was charged.
Many stative passive verbs are followed by prepositions other than *by*.

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EXERCISE 20. Stative passive + prepositions. (Chart 11-6)

Directions: Complete the sentences with appropriate prepositions.

1. Our high school soccer team was very excited about going to the national finals.
2. I'm not acquainted with that man. Do you know him?
3. Mark Twain is known for his stories about life on the Mississippi.
4. A person who is addicted to drugs needs professional medical help.
5. Jack is married to Joan.
6. Could I please have the dictionary when you are finished with it?
7. A: Aren’t you ready yet? We have to be at the ferry dock at 7:45.
   B: I’ll never make it. I’m still dressed in my pajamas.
8. My car is equipped with air conditioning and a sun roof.
9. The school children were exposed to the measles by a student who had them.
10. Gandhi was committed ________ nonviolence. He believed in it all of his life.
11. The large table was covered ________ every kind of food you could imagine.
12. Barbara turned off the TV because she was tired ________ listening to the news.
13. The choices in that restaurant are limited ________ pizza and sandwiches.
14. A: Are you in favor of a worldwide ban on nuclear weapons, or are you opposed ________ it?
   B: I’m in favor of it. I’m terrified ________ the possibility of a nuclear war starting by accident. However, my wife is against disarmament.
15. The department store was filled ________ toys for the holiday sale.
16. John’s bald head is protected ________ the hot sun when he’s wearing his hat.

17. The store was crowded ________ last-minute shoppers on the eve of the holiday.
18. I think you’re involved ________ too many activities. You don’t have enough time to spend with your family.
19. Your leg bone is connected ________ your hip bone.
20. Their apartment is always messy. It’s cluttered ________ newspapers, books, clothes, and dirty dishes.
21. Don’t leave those seedlings outside tonight. If they’re exposed ________ temperatures below freezing, they will die.
22. An interior decorator makes certain that the color of the walls is coordinated _______ the color of the carpets and window coverings.

23. We finished packing our sleeping bags, tent, first-aid kit, food, and warm clothes. We are finally prepared ______ our camping trip.

24. I was very disappointed ______ that movie. The whole first hour was devoted ______ historical background, with a cast of thousands fighting endless battles. I was bored ______ it before the plot took shape.

25. A: Are you still associated ______ the International Red Cross and Red Crescent?
   B: I was, until this year. Are you interested ______ working with them?
   A: I think I'd like to. They are dedicated ______ helping people in time of crisis, and I admire the work they have done. Can you get me some information?

☐ EXERCISE 21. Stative passive + prepositions. (Chart 11-6)

Directions: Work in pairs.
Speaker B: Your book is closed. Supply the correct preposition and finish the sentence with your own words.

Example: I’m interested . . .

SPEAKER A (book open): I’m interested . . .
SPEAKER B (book closed): I’m interested in the history of architecture.

Switch roles.

1. Are you related . . .
2. ( . . . ) is worried . . .
3. I’m not accustomed . . .
4. ( . . . ) is dressed . . .
5. My foot is connected . . .
6. The walls of this room are covered . . .
7. This class is composed . . .
8. ( . . . ) is married . . .
9. I’m opposed . . .
10. Are you acquainted . . .

☐ EXERCISE 22. Stative passive + prepositions. (Chart 11-6)

Directions: Supply the correct form of the verb in parentheses and an appropriate preposition. Use the SIMPLE PRESENT.

1. (interest) Carol ______ in ancient history.
2. (compose) Water ______ hydrogen and oxygen.
3. (accustom) I ______ living here.
4. (terrify) Our son ______ dogs.
5. (finish) Pat ______ her composition.
6. (addict) Ann laughingly calls herself a “chocoholic.” She says she
_________ chocolate.

7. (cover) It’s winter, and the ground ________________ snow.

8. (satisfy) I ________________ the progress I have made.


10. (divorce) Elaine ________________ Ed.

11. (acquaint) I _______ not ___________________ that author’s work.

12. (tire) I ________________ sitting here.

13. (relate) Your name is Mary Smith. _______ you ___________________
John Smith?

14. (dedicate) Mrs. Robinson works in an orphanage. She ________________
________ her work.

15. (disappoint) Jim got a bad grade because he didn’t study. He ________________
________ himself.

16. (scare) Bobby is not very brave. He ________________ his own
shadow.

17. (commit) The administration ________________ improving the
quality of education at our school.

18. (devote) Mr. and Mrs. Miller ________________ each other.

19. (dress) Walter ________________ his best suit for his wedding today.

20. (do) We ________________ this exercise.
14-2 USING GERUNDS AS THE OBJECTS OF PREPOSITIONS

(a) We talked about going to Canada for our vacation.  
(b) Sue is in charge of organizing the meeting.  
(c) I’m interested in learning more about your work.

(d) I’m used to sleeping with the window open.  
(e) I’m accustomed to sleeping* with the window open.  
(f) I look forward to going home next month.  
(g) They object to changing their plans at this late date.

(h) We talked about not going to the meeting, but finally decided we should go.

A gerund is frequently used as the object of a preposition.

In (d) through (g): to is a preposition, not part of an infinitive form, so a gerund follows.

Negative form: not precedes a gerund.

*Possible in British English: I’m accustomed to sleep with the window open.

**EXERCISE 1. Preview. (Chart 14-3)**

Directions: Without referring to Chart 14-3, see how many of the preposition combinations you already know by completing these sentences with an appropriate preposition and verb form.

1. Alice isn’t interested in looking for a new job.
2. Henry is excited to leave.
3. You are capable of doing better work.
4. I have no excuse to be late.
5. I’m accustomed to having a big breakfast.
6. The rain prevented us from completing the work.
7. Fred is always complaining about having a headache.
8. Instead of studying, Margaret went to a ballgame with some of her friends.
9. Thank you for helping me carry my suitcases.
10. Mrs. Grant insisted on knowing the whole truth.
11. I believe being honest at all times.
12. You should take advantage of living here.
13. Fatima had a good reason to go to class yesterday.
14. Everyone in the neighborhood participated in searching for the lost child.
15. I apologized to Yoko for making her wait for me.
16. The weather is terrible tonight. I don’t blame you _________ (want, not) ___________ ___________ to go to the meeting.

17. Who is responsible _________ (wash) ___________ and (dry) ___________ the dishes after dinner?

18. In addition _________ (go) ___________ to school full time, Spiro has a part-time job.

19. I stopped the child _________ (run) ___________ into the street.

20. Where should we go for dinner tonight? Would you object _________ (go) ___________ to an Italian restaurant?

21. The mayor made another public statement for the purpose _________ (clarify) ___________ the new tax proposal.

22. The thief was accused _________ (steal) ___________ a woman’s purse.

23. The jury found Mr. Adams guilty _________ (take) ___________ money from the company he worked for and (keep) ___________ it for himself.

24. Larry isn’t used _________ (wear) ___________ a suit and tie every day.

25. I’m going to visit my family during the school vacation. I’m looking forward _________ (eat) ___________ my mother’s cooking and (sleep) ___________ in my own bed.

### 14-3 COMMON PREPOSITION COMBINATIONS FOLLOWED BY GERUNDS

- To be excited about doing it
- To be worried about doing it
- To complain about/of doing it
- To dream about doing it
- To talk about doing it
- To think about doing it
- To apologize for doing it
- To blame (someone) for doing it
- To forgive (someone) for doing it
- To have an excuse for doing it
- To have a reason for doing it
- To feel responsible for doing it

- To keep (someone) from doing it
- To prevent (someone) from doing it
- To prohibit (someone) from doing it
- To stop (someone) from doing it

- To believe in doing it
- To be interested in doing it
- To participate in doing it
- To succeed in doing it

- To be accused of doing it
- To be capable of doing it
- To be responsible for the purpose of doing it
- To be guilty instead of doing it
- To take advantage of doing it
- To take care of doing it
- To be tired of doing it

- To insist on doing it
- To be accustomed in addition to doing it
- To be committed in addition to doing it
- To be devoted in addition to doing it
- To look forward to doing it
- To object to doing it
- To be opposed to doing it
- To be used to doing it

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EXERCISE 2. Using gerunds as the objects of prepositions. (Charts 14-2 and 14-3)

Directions: Using the words in parentheses, complete the sentences.

1. Kostas went to bed instead of finishing his work. (finish)
2. I thanked my friend (laugh)
3. I’m excited (go)
4. I’m not accustomed (run)
5. Omar didn’t feel good. He complained ( sneeze)
6. I don’t blame you (travel, much)
7. I have a good reason (run)
8. It’s getting late. I’m worried (worry)
9. I’m interested (find out about)
10. I’m thinking (run)
11. I apologized to my friend (run)
12. I am/am not used (drive)
13. Nothing can stop me (go)
14. In that office, who is responsible (take care of)
15. I look forward (go)
16. The thief was guilty (steal)
17. Sonya has two jobs. In addition (sama)
18. Please forgive me (excuse, most)
19. Sarah is an honest person. She’s not capable (null)
20. Ill health keeps my grandfather (triumph)

EXERCISE 3. Using gerunds as the objects of prepositions. (Charts 14-2 and 14-3)

Directions: To practice using gerunds following prepositions, answer the questions in complete sentences. If working in pairs, switch roles after Item 7.

Example:

SPEAKER A (book open): Your friend was late. Did she apologize?
SPEAKER B (book closed): Yes, she apologized or No, she didn’t apologize for being late.

1. You were late for class yesterday. Did you have a good excuse?

2. You are going to (a city) to visit your friends this weekend. Are you looking forward to that?