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Dependent Prepositions after Adjectives

UNIT 1

Absorbed /əb'zɔ:rbd/ = very much interested. (absorbed in, **not** at).

Ali was **absorbed in** his book.



A man is not idle because he is **absorbed in** thought.
There is visible labor and there is invisible labor.
Victor Hugo

Afraid /ə'freɪd/ = feeling fear or anxiety. (Afraid of, **not** From).

Laura is **afraid of** the spider.



I am not **afraid of** storms for I am learning how to
sail my ship.
Louisa May Alcott

Angry /'æŋɡri/ = feeling strong emotions because you think someone has behaved badly, or because a situation seems bad or unfair. (angry with, **not** against).

My parents will be **angry with** me if I get home late.



You don't get **angry** with people you don't care about.
Bishop T.D. Jakes

Note: we get **angry with** a person but **at** a thing: He was angry at the weather (not: with the weather).

Jealous /'dʒeləs/ = feeling unhappy because someone has something that you wish you have. (jealous of, **not** from).

They are **jealous of** her hair.



Friends don't get **jealous** of each other or begrudge the other for finding success. They celebrate every victory together.
Karen Kingsbury

Married /'mærid/ = having a husband or a wife. (married to, **not** with.)

Sarah was **married to** a rich man.



I can't believe how blessed I am! I'm **married** to the most wonderful man, Gene Raymond, whom I'm deeply in love with, and, my career is right where I want it to be. I can live like this forever!
Jeanette MacDonald

Note: also **engaged to** (= if two people are engaged, they have agreed to marry): Ali was engaged to Maryam for a year before they got married.

Anxious /'æŋkʃəs/ = troubled, worried about something. (anxious about **not** for.)

A lot of employees are **anxious about** their jobs.



The mind that is **anxious** about future events is miserable.
Seneca