

## Lesson Plan: Adjective + preposition collocations

<b>Level</b>	Intermediate (B1–B2)
<b>Time</b>	60–75 minutes
<b>Skills</b>	Vocabulary, speaking, writing
<b>Focus</b>	Afraid of, interested in, responsible for, similar to — fixed adjective-preposition pairs

### OBJECTIVES

By the end of the lesson, students will be able to:

- Learn and use 20+ adjective + preposition collocations correctly
- Understand that these are fixed combinations and cannot be changed
- Use adjective + preposition collocations in a range of contexts
- Infer meaning of unfamiliar collocations from context

### TARGET LANGUAGE (EXAMPLES)

#### *Common adjective + preposition pairs*

- afraid of / scared of
- interested in
- good at / bad at
- responsible for
- similar to / different from
- proud of
- surprised at/by
- worried about
- famous for
- keen on

#### *Less common but important*

- aware of
- capable of
- dependent on
- devoted to
- impressed by
- disappointed with/in
- satisfied with
- opposed to
- related to

#### *Common errors*

- interested to music → interested in music
- good in maths → good at maths

- different of → different from

## LESSON PROCEDURE

### 1. Warm-up (5 min)

**Task:** Complete the phrase: 'I'm good at \_\_\_\_\_. I'm afraid of \_\_\_\_\_. I'm interested in \_\_\_\_\_.'

- Quick personal sharing to activate what students already know.

### 2. Presentation (10 min)

**Task:** Categorise by preposition: of, in, at, for, about, with, to.

- Emphasise: these are fixed — you can't swap the preposition.
- Most common errors: good IN, interested TO, afraid FROM.

### 3. Guided practice (10 min)

**Task:** Complete sentences with the correct preposition.

- 'She is very proud \_\_\_\_ her children.'
- 'Are you aware \_\_\_\_ the deadline?'

### 4. Personalised practice (20 min)

**Task:** Students write 8 sentences about themselves using different collocations.

- Share with a partner. Partner asks follow-up questions.
- Extend: express both positive and negative feelings using the collocations.

### 5. Writing task (5–10 min)

**Task:** Write a character profile using 6 adjective + preposition collocations.

## EXTENSION / HOMEWORK

Choose one:

1. Write a short paragraph about a person you admire using 6 adjective + preposition collocations.
2. Correct 6 errors in a paragraph where wrong prepositions are used after adjectives.
3. Create 8 fill-in-the-blank sentences using adjective + preposition collocations for a partner to complete.