

Prepositions after adjectives

A Look at the extracts from the *Longman Dictionary of Contemporary English* to find the prepositions which follow the adjectives below.

bored *adj* tired and impatient because you do not think something is interesting, or because you have nothing to do: *Children easily get bored.* | **[+ with]** *I'm bored with the same old routine day after day.*

con•fused *adj* unable to understand clearly what someone is saying or what is happening: *I am totally confused. Could you explain that again?* | **[+ about]** *If you are confused about anything, phone my office.*

de•pressed *adj* a) feeling very unhappy: *She felt lonely and depressed.* | **[+ about]** *Carter seemed depressed about the situation.*

dis•ap•point•ed *adj* sad because something you hoped for did not happen, or because someone or something was not as good as expected: *Dad seemed more disappointed than angry.* | **[+ about]** *Nathan's really disappointed about not being able to go.*

em•bar•rased *adj* ashamed, nervous, or uncomfortable in a social situation: *I managed to spill water on one of the guests – I was so embarrassed!* | **[+ about]** *At about the age of twelve, girls start feeling embarrassed about changing their clothes in front of other people.*

ex•cit•ed *adj* happy, interested or hopeful because something good has happened or will happen: *Steve's flying home tomorrow – we're all very excited.* | *excited crowds of shoppers.* | **[+ about]** *The kids are so excited about Christmas.*

fright•ened *adj* feeling afraid: *a frightened animal* | **[+ of]** *I was frightened of being left by myself in the house.*

in•terest•ed *adj* giving a lot of attention to something because you want to find out more about it: **[+ in]** *I'm not really interested in politics.*

sur•prised *adj* having a feeling of surprise: *Mr Benson looked surprised when I told him I was leaving.* | **[+ at/by]** *We were all surprised at Sue's outburst.*

wor•ried *adj* unhappy because you keep thinking about a problem or are anxious about something: *Don't look so worried – we'll find him.* | **[about]** *She's so worried about her exams.*

1 bored _____ *with* _____

2 confused _____

3 depressed _____

4 disappointed _____

5 embarrassed _____

6 excited _____

7 frightened _____

8 interested _____

9 surprised _____

10 worried _____

B Match a beginning from A with an ending from B. Then complete the sentences with a preposition.

A

- 1 Nobody seems to be interested
- 2 I'm so bored
- 3 Are you still frightened
- 4 We were really disappointed
- 5 Are you excited
- 6 My boss was surprised
- 7 Everyone seems to be worried
- 8 Don't be embarrassed
- 9 My sister's really depressed
- 10 I'm not confused

B

- a _____ my decision to leave.
- b _____ saying what you really think.
- c _____ money at the moment.
- d _____ the dark?
- e _____ what I'm saying.
- f _____ my job.
- g _____ missing your party.
- h _____ her weight.
- i _____ English grammar any more.
- j _____ your wedding?