

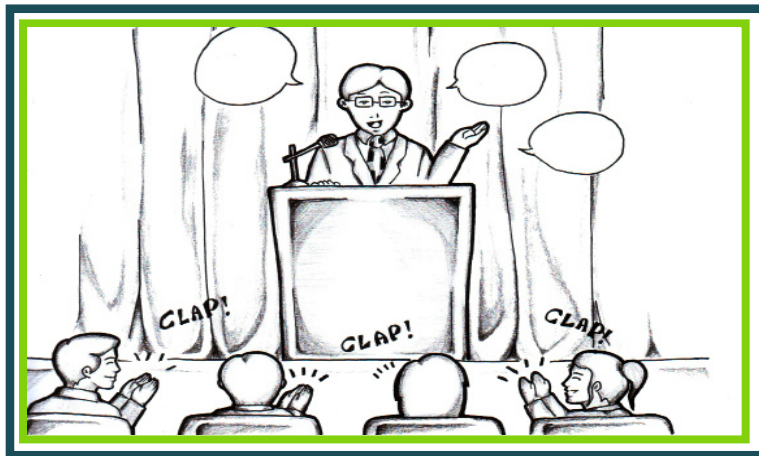
## Noun + Preposition combinations followed by Gerunds

### Language Focus

1. love of + v-ing

2. talent for + v-ing

My love of singing developed when I was a child.



His \_\_\_\_\_ foreign languages made him a renown linguist. (learn)



Her \_\_\_\_\_ brought her fame. (dance)

### Conversation

A: You have such a nice voice!

B: Thank you. My love of singing developed when I was a child.

A: And your talent for learning musical instrument was also impressive.

B: It's only a matter of practice.

## Noun + Preposition combinations followed by Gerunds

### Language Focus

1. fear of + v-ing                      2. disadvantage of + v-ing

My fear of flying made travel difficult.



I live in constant \_\_\_\_\_ my job.(lose)



The \_\_\_\_\_ is that you have to get up early.(commute)

### Conversation

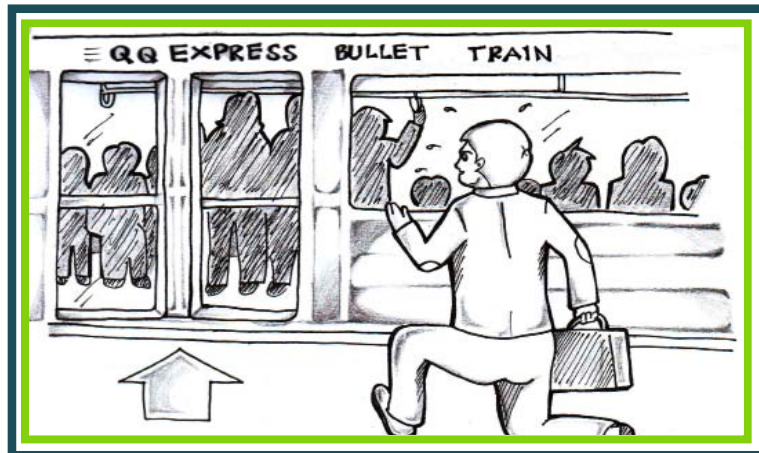
- A: How was your flight, Jane?  
 B: Well, my fear of flying made travel difficult.  
 A: You still have that fear in you? You don't really like taking the plane, do you?  
 B: I'm afraid I'll have that fear all my life and the disadvantage of flying is that you can't see the scenery along the way.

## Noun + Preposition combinations followed by Gerunds

### Language Focus

1. reputation for + v-ing      2. believe about + v-ing

His reputation for lying is well-known.



I'm aware of Mark's \_\_\_\_\_. (late)



I don't \_\_\_\_\_ his story \_\_\_\_\_ the lottery. (believe, win)

### Conversation

- A: Why don't you like James?  
 B: Well, his reputation for lying is well-known and I don't know if I believe his story about seeing a UFO.  
 A: I know. It's unbelievable. I don't buy his story either.  
 B: No one does.

## Noun + Preposition combinations followed by Gerunds

### Language Focus

1. addiction to + v-ing      2. habit of + v-ing

His habit of smoking causes many problems.



He has the irritating \_\_\_\_\_ his  
nails. (bite)



He is now fighting his \_\_\_\_\_ illegal  
drugs. (use)

### Conversation

- A: I worry about our friend, John. His addiction to smoking becomes serious.  
 B: Yeah, right. His habit of smoking causes many problems.  
 A: Can you believe it? He smokes two packs of cigarette a day.  
 B: We should do something about it. He is our friend after all.



## Noun + Preposition combinations followed by Gerunds

### Language Focus

1. reason for + v~ing

2. advantage of + v~ing

The main reason for taking this course is to improve my language skills.



I have no particular \_\_\_\_\_. (doubt)



I don't see any \_\_\_\_\_ in a small town. (live)

### Conversation

A: Why are you learning Business English, Garry?

B: The main reason for taking this course is to improve my language skills.

A: I guess you already have the advantage of speaking English fluently.

B: I want to practice more. I hope to get a high-paying job in the business trade.

## Adjective + Preposition Combinations

## Language Focus

1. kind to

2. friendly to

She's friendly to all people in the neighborhood.



Marie has a lot of friends because she's \_\_\_\_\_ everyone she meets.



My boss is \_\_\_\_\_ the orphans and the less fortunate people by giving them donations.

## Conversation

A: Have you met our new neighbor, Sally?

B: Oh, yeah. She's friendly to all people in the neighborhood.

A: You bet! And she's kind to everyone, too.

B: Yes, she is. She's throwing a party at her place and she's inviting everyone.

# Adjective + Preposition Combinations

## Language Focus

1. tired of

2. scared of

I'm scared of watching horror movies.



I'm \_\_\_\_\_ heights.



She's \_\_\_\_\_ hearing about their trip to Singapore.

## Conversation

A: Do you like to read non-fiction books?

B: Not really. I'm not into it. I'm tired of reading books but I like watching movies.

A: What kinds of movies do you watch?

B: I like action and drama. I'm scared of watching horror movies.

## Adjective + Preposition Combinations

## Language Focus

1. disappointed with \_\_\_\_\_ 2. happy with \_\_\_\_\_

My boss is not happy with my performance.



I was \_\_\_\_\_ my father when he told me not to pursue with my career in writing.



The students are \_\_\_\_\_ the result they have gotten from the exam.

# Conversation

- A: Hi Eric, what's up? You seem upset?  
B: I'm disappointed with myself. I didn't pass the interview.  
A: Well, better luck next time. My boss was not happy with my performance, either.  
B: Really? We should do better next time.



## Adjective + Preposition Combinations

### Language Focus

1. responsible for

2. famous for

He is responsible for designing the entire project.



Parents are \_\_\_\_\_ their child's education.



She became internationally \_\_\_\_\_ her novels and poetry.

### Conversation

- A: The company President was really impressed by Brad's excellent work.  
 B: Yes, it's true. Brad was responsible for designing the entire project and now he is famous for his design,  
 A: The company recognizes his great performance at work.  
 B: I'm happy for him.

# Adjective + Preposition Combinations

## Language Focus

1. good at

2. bad at

I'm good at English.



Nick has always been \_\_\_\_\_ finding cheap flights.



She is so \_\_\_\_\_ keeping secrets.

## Conversation

A: I really find Math a difficult subject. I'm bad at it.

B: Well, Math is actually my favorite. I can teach you but you must help me with my homework in English first.

A: That's not a bad idea. I'm good at English.

B: Shall we start then?