

Noun + Preposition combinations followed by Gerunds

Language Focus

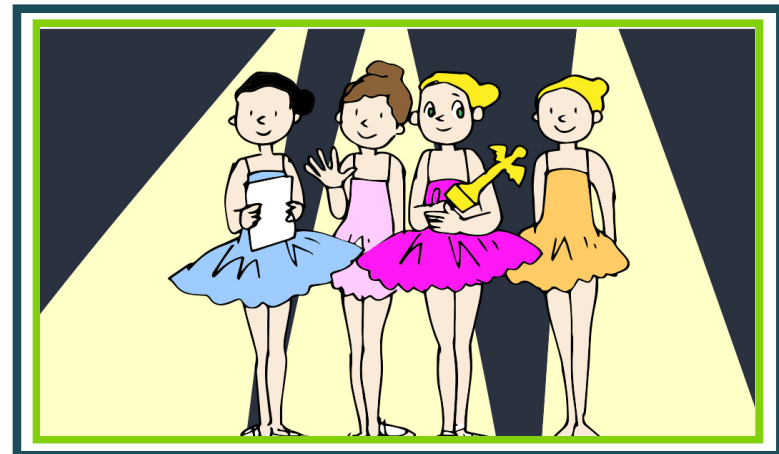
1. love of + v-ing

2. talent for + v-ing

My love of singing developed when I was a child.



His _____ foreign languages made him a famous 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 natural talent for playing musical instruments is also impressive.

B: Thank you, it's only a matter of practice.

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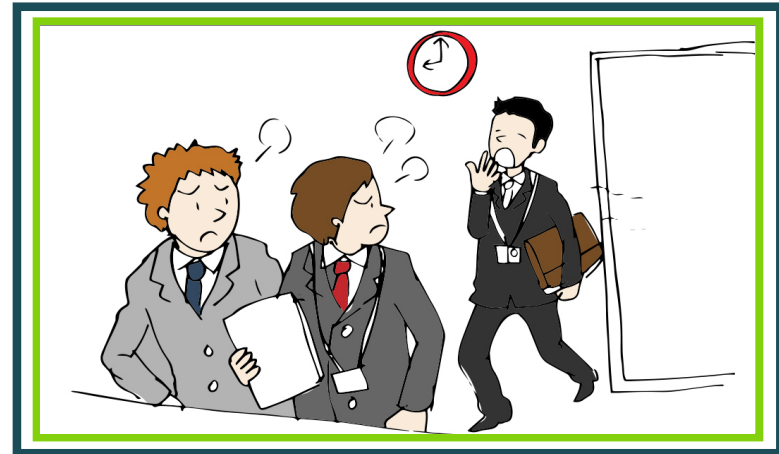
1. fear of + v~ing

2. disadvantage of + v~ing

My fear of flying made traveling 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 traveling difficult.

A: You still have that fear in you? You don't really like flying on a plane, do you?

B: No, I don't. I'm afraid I will have the fear for the rest of my life. For me the disadvantage of flying is that you cannot see the view along the way.

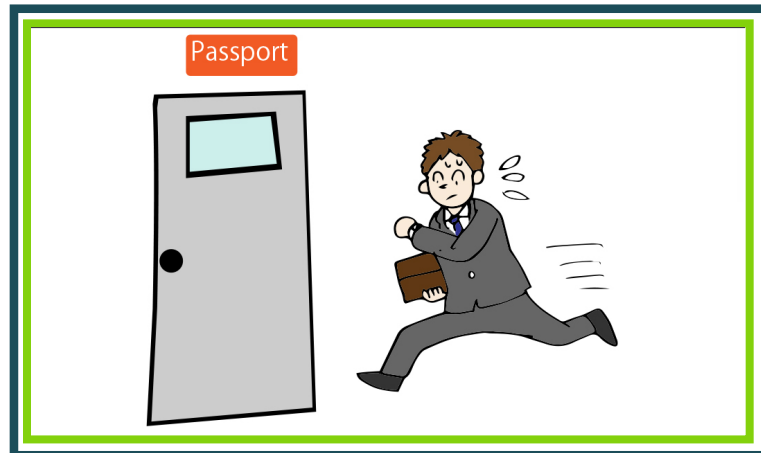
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1. reputation for + v-ing

2. story about + v-ing

His reputation for lying is well-known.



I'm aware of Mark's _____ late. (be)



I don't believe his _____ the lottery. (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.

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Language Focus

1. addiction to + v~ing

2. habit of + v~ing

His habit of smoking causes him 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 has become serious.
 B: Yeah, right. His habit of smoking causes him many problems.
 A: Can you believe that he smokes two packs of cigarettes a day?
 B: We should do something about it. He is our friend after all.

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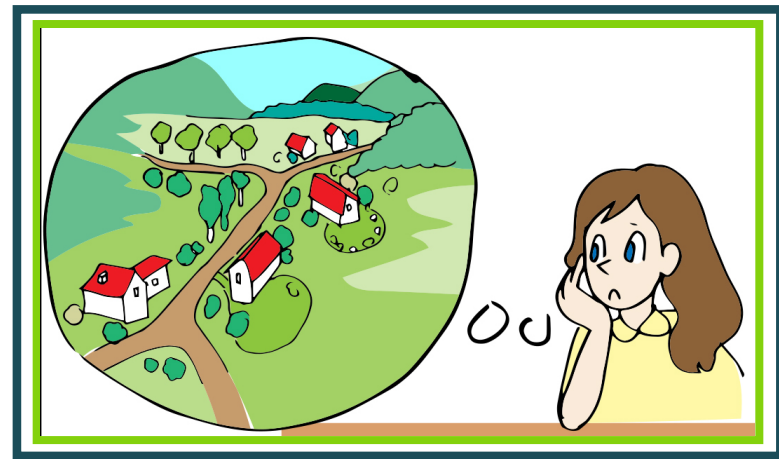
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1. reason for + v~ing 2. advantage of +v~ing

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



I have no particular _____him. (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 was 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.

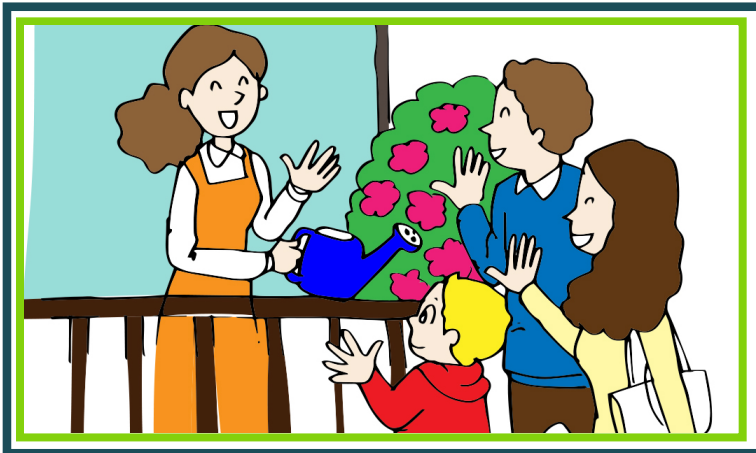
Adjective + Preposition Combinations

Language Focus

1. kind to

2. friendly to

She's friendly to all the 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 the 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.

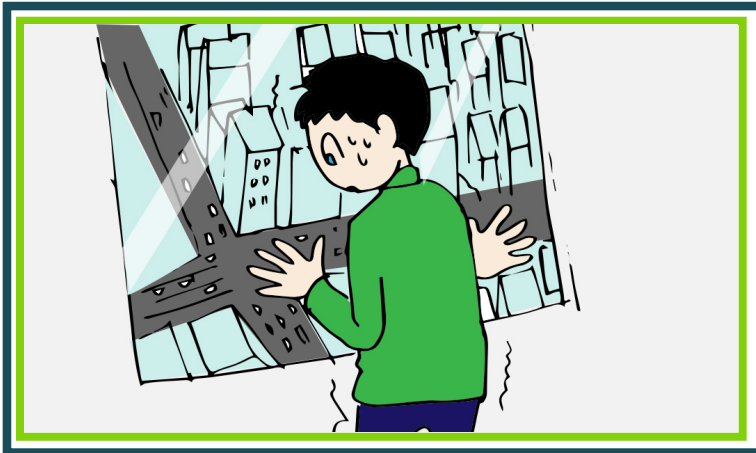
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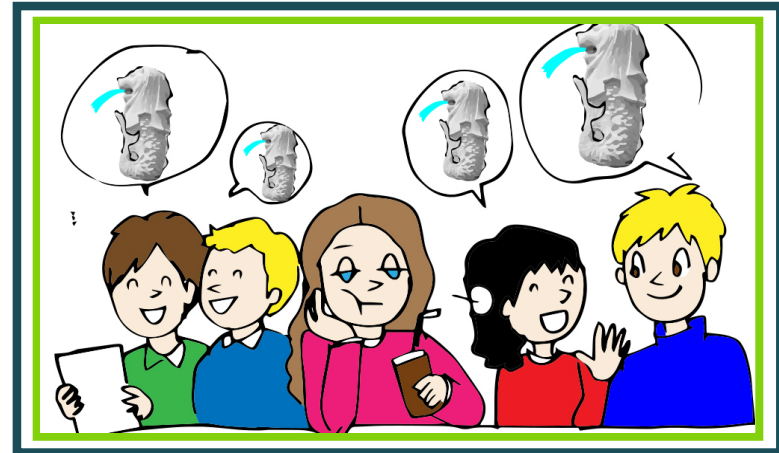
1. tired of

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 types 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 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 try harder next time.

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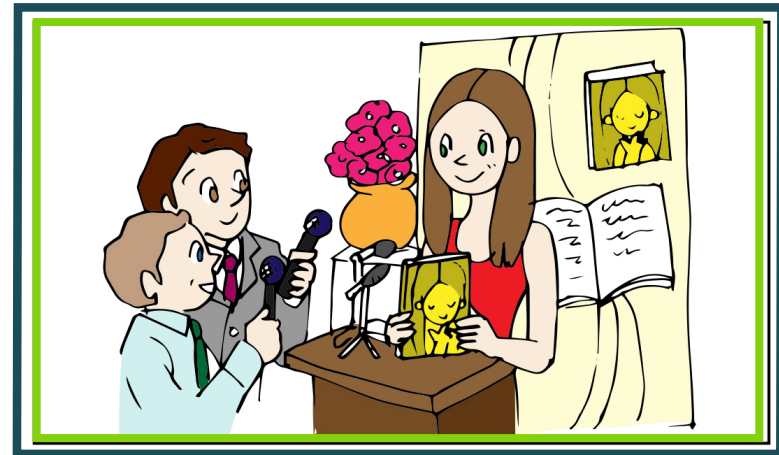
1. responsible for

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 English homework first.

A: Sounds fair to me. I'm good at English.

B: Shall we start then?