

EXPRESSIONS WITH PREPOSITIONS

Expression	Example
<i>according to</i>	<i>According to</i> the directions, this flap fits here.
<i>acquainted with</i>	Tom became <i>acquainted with</i> his classmates.
<i>addicted to</i>	He is <i>addicted to</i> soap operas.
<i>afraid of</i>	Tanya is <i>afraid of</i> flying.
<i>agree on (a plan)</i>	Can we <i>agree on</i> our next step?
<i>agree to (something or another's proposal)</i>	Roberta <i>agreed to</i> her secretary's request for a raise.
<i>angry about or at (a thing)</i>	Jake seemed <i>angry about</i> his meager bonus.
<i>angry with (a person)</i>	Sonia couldn't stay <i>angry with</i> Felipe.
<i>apply for (a position)</i>	By accident, the twins <i>applied for</i> the same job.
<i>approve of</i>	Do you <i>approve of</i> bilingual education?
<i>argue about (an issue)</i>	I hate <i>arguing about</i> money.
<i>argue with (a person)</i>	Edna <i>argues with</i> everyone about everything.
<i>capable of</i>	Mario is <i>capable of</i> accomplishing anything.
<i>complain about (a situation)</i>	Patients <i>complained about</i> the long wait.
<i>complain to (a person)</i>	She <i>complains to</i> her sister about their mother.
<i>comply with</i>	Each contestant must <i>comply with</i> the regulations.
<i>consist of</i>	This article <i>consists of</i> nothing but false accusations.
<i>contrast with</i>	The blue shirt <i>contrasts sharply with</i> the brown tie.
<i>correspond with (write)</i>	We <i>corresponded with</i> her for two months.
<i>deal with</i>	Ron <i>deals well with</i> temporary setbacks.
<i>depend on</i>	Miriam can be <i>depended on</i> to say the sad thing.
<i>differ from (something)</i>	A DVD player <i>differs from</i> a VCR in many ways.
<i>differ with (a person)</i>	Ann <i>differs with</i> you on the gun control issue.
<i>different from</i>	Children are often <i>different from</i> their parents.
<i>displeased with</i>	Ms. Mo was <i>displeased with</i> her doctor's advice.
<i>fond of</i>	Ed is <i>fond of</i> his pet formula.
<i>grateful for</i>	Be <i>grateful for</i> having so many friends.
<i>grateful to (someone)</i>	The team was <i>grateful to</i> the coach.
<i>identical with</i>	Scott's ideas are often <i>identical with</i> mine.

<i>inferior to</i>	Saturday's performance was <i>inferior to</i> the one I saw.
<i>in search of</i>	I hate to go <i>in search of</i> change at the last moment.
<i>interested in</i>	Willa is <i>interested in</i> results, not excuses.
<i>interfere with</i>	That noise <i>interferes with</i> my concentration.
<i>object to</i>	Martin <i>objected to</i> the judge's comment.
<i>protect against</i>	This scarf will <i>protect</i> your throat <i>against</i> the cold.
<i>reason with</i>	It's hard to <i>reason with</i> an angry person.
<i>rely on</i>	If Toni made that promise, you can <i>rely on</i> it.
<i>reply to</i>	The president did not <i>reply to</i> his letters.
<i>responsible for</i>	Kit is <i>responsible for</i> making the two copies.
<i>sensitive to</i>	He is <i>sensitive to</i> his student's concerns.
<i>shocked at</i>	We were <i>shocked at</i> the violence in the movie.
<i>similar to</i>	Your hat is <i>similar to</i> my hat.
<i>speak with (someone)</i>	I will <i>speak with</i> my supervisor about a raise.
<i>specialize in</i>	The DJ <i>specializes in</i> jazz music.
<i>succeed in</i>	Bill <i>succeeded in</i> painting the roof in time.
<i>superior to</i>	The remake is <i>superior to</i> the original.
<i>take advantage of</i>	She took <i>advantage of</i> a rainy day to sleep more.
<i>worry about</i>	Never <i>worry about</i> the weather in Fiji Islands.