Prepositions

Adjective + Preposition

angry + about/at/with

- I'm angry about my broken computer.
- I'm angry at the weather today. It's still raining!
- (PEOPLE) ... I am mad at you. You broke it!
- I'm angry with you. Why are you late again??

disappointed + about/in

- I'm really disappointed about the concert. He cancelled it because he got a cold last night. (EVENT/SITUATION)
- I'm so disappointed in my girlfriend. She promised to get married, but now she has changed her mind. (PERSON)

furious + about/at/with

- I'm absolutely furious about the government's decision to close the school. There are still more than 100 kids living in that town.
- They fired him by sending him an email. He's furious at the way they have treated him. (ACTION/EVENT)
- She's been living here for over a month and still hasn't paid any rent. I'm furious with her!

capable + of

- I don't know why my daughter doesn't study. At this rate, she won't be capable of going to university.
- The coach said he will be capable of joining a pro basketball team in about another year. We are all rooting for him!

concerned + about/with

- The Finance Minister said he is very concerned about the high level of inflation. (PERSON/THING/SITUATION)
- This book is concerned with the history of the Mediterranean region. (RELATING TO OR INVOLVED WITH SOMETHING)

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from + behind/inside/beside/above

- He took the package from behind the box.
- He took the package from inside the box.
- He took the package from beside the box.
- He took the package from above the box.

down + beside/around/by

- She wandered down beside the river, and picked a few flowers for her mum. (ALONG)
- She wandered down around the river and found a nice place for lunch. (EVERYWHERE)
- She wandered down by the river all afternoon. (CLOSE TO)

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up + to/for/with

- Why don't you come up to our summer house for the holiday? I'm sure we'll have a great time fishing and relaxing.
- You should come up for Christmas. The whole family will be here for a big lunch together. (FOR AN EVENT)
- Can you come up with Tom tonight? He's the only one who knows how to fix my computer. (WITH PERSON)

up + at/around/to

- We should definitely meet up at your place tonight for a drink. (PLACE)
- I finish work at 5.00 so we can meet up around 5.30 if you'd like. (TIME)
- If you aren't busy on the weekend, we could meet up to play a game of baseball. (ACTIVITY)

from + under/around

- The worm emerged from under the ground because of all the rain.
- The train emerged very quickly from around the bend.





Preposition + Adjective

in private = privately

- We need to (have a) talk in private about your new girlfriend.
- = We need to talk privately about your new girlfriend.

in full = everything

- I said he could pay in installments, but he paid in full this morning.
- = I said he could pay in installments, but he paid the whole amount this morning.

in brief = briefly

- In brief, sales are down 30% compared to last year, so we really need to focus on this.
- = Briefly, sales are down 30% compared to last year, so we really need to focus on this.

for certain = definitely

- So if you want the car in red, we can arrange that for certain.
- = So if you want the car in red, we can definitely arrange that.

in short = basically

- In short, without more immigration, the economy won't get any better.
- = Basically, without more immigration, the economy won't get any better.

for sure = definitely

- Once I finish university, I'll go overseas **for sure**.
- = I'll definitely go overseas once I finish university.

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