

## Transcript: Learning Vocabulary - Dependent prepositions

### Introduction

**Jack:** Hello my name's Jack ...

**Rich:** ... and I'm Rich and welcome to this week's Premier Skills English podcast

**Jack:** Where we talk about football and help you with your English.

**Rich:** We recommend that you listen to this podcast on the Premier Skills English website because that is where we have the transcript, language examples, activities, quizzes and a discussion page to help you understand everything we talk about.

**Jack:** However, if you're listening on Spotify or Apple Podcasts, you can leave answers to our questions in the review section. We do read all the reviews and would love to hear from you.

**Rich:** In this week's podcast, we're going to help you with vocabulary and, more specifically, we're going to look at things called dependent prepositions.

**Jack:** A dependent preposition is a preposition that is used next to specific verbs, adjectives and nouns.

**Rich:** For example, I'm very good at football but Jack is very bad at football.

**Jack:** Sorry?

**Rich:** I'm very good at football but Jack is very bad at football. We say that someone is good or bad at something. *At* is a dependent preposition here. Shall I say the sentence again?

**Jack:** No, I think everyone understood! In this podcast, we're going to be looking at dependent prepositions with adjectives.

**Rich:** That's right. We're going to chat about our plans for the weekend and use lots and lots of these adjective *plus* preposition collocations.

**Jack:** Later, your task will be to talk about your plans for the weekend and use as many of these collocations as you can.

### Football Phrase

**Rich:** But, before we look at all that, let's look at last week's football phrase. If you didn't hear it last week we'll give you one more chance to guess and give you the correct answer at the end of the show when we give you a new football phrase.

**Jack:** Last week, it was Rich's turn and it was quite a difficult phrase but a few of you gave us the right answer. Well done to Liubomyr from Ukraine, Elghoul from Algeria, Lakerwang from China and Ali Vasheghani from Iran from. Let's hear the phrase one more time.

**Rich:** This week's phrase is \*\*\* \* \* \* \*. The phrase is used to describe a team that starts a season or a match really well. If a team scores twice in the first ten minutes of a match you might say they've got \*\*\* \* \* \* \*. Liverpool have got \*\*\* \* \* \* \* this season.

**Jack:** We'll give you the answer at the end of the show and we'll have a new football phrase for you to guess.

### Introduction to roleplay

**Rich:** In this week's roleplay, we're talking about our weekend plans. Jack is very excited about his weekend plans but I'm not so enthusiastic about the weekend.

**Jack:** While you are listening, we want you to answer a question. The question is:

**Rich:** What's Jack going to learn at the weekend?

### Roleplay

**Jack:** Friday at last! What are you up to this weekend?

**Rich:** I'm not sure. I'm a bit **fed up with** doing the same things all the time.

**Jack:** I know what you mean. I get **sick and tired of** the same old routine that's why I'm doing something different this weekend!

**Rich:** Oh, what are going to do?

**Jack:** I'm going on a cooking course

**Rich:** But you're **good at** cooking. I remember that curry you rustled up a couple of months ago.

**Jack:** Yeah, thanks, I do like cooking but I'm pretty **bad at** baking. You see I've been **hooked on** these little pasties I get in town. They're Argentinian empanadas. I'm **mad about** them.

**Rich:** I've never **heard of** them.

**Jack:** As I was saying, they're like little pasties. Argentina is really **well known for** them.

**Rich:** I thought Argentina was **famous for** Messi and Maradona not for its pasties. So, you're going to learn how to cook them.

**Jack:** Yeah, the bakers down the road is doing a weekend course specialising in Argentinian food. Why don't you come along? I could have a word with the guy who's **responsible for** the course.

**Rich:** Nah, I'm not that **interested in** cooking but don't forget to save me a few of those pasties because I am **interested in** eating!

**Jack:** What are you going to do then if you're so **bored of** everything?

**Rich:** I dunno. There's no football **due to** the international break.

**Jack:** You shouldn't be **afraid of** doing something different!

**Rich:** I know. I'm quite **fond of** music and I'm **keen on** getting out of town so I could go to a concert. I'll check what's on in London. I could go there for the weekend.

**Jack:** See. That's something to get **excited about**. Cheer up and don't be such a wet blanket all the time!

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## Quiz

**Jack:** If you counted seventeen dependent prepositions you did very, very well.

**Rich:** Now, we're going to give you a little quiz.

**Jack:** We're going to say an adjective and we want you to say what the correct preposition is.

**Rich:** There are eight dependent prepositions for you to guess. Here goes.

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**Rich:** The answer is ... fed up with. Here's an example from the roleplay:

**Jack:** I'm a bit **fed up with** doing the same things all the time.

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