

Related words that take different prepositions

Some words that have very similar meanings take different prepositions after them.

According to / in accordance with

According to him the end justifies the means.

In accordance with his advice, I started dieting.

Affection for / affectionate to

She has great affection for her children.

The old woman is affectionate to all.

Alternate with / alternative to

Day and night alternate with each other.

Death is the only alternative to submission.

Ambition for / ambitious of

His ambition for power brought about his ruin.

He is ambitious of power.

Confidence in / confident of

She has great confidence in her skills.

She is confident of success.

Descend from / descendent of

He descended from a royal family.

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He is a descendent of the former king of Nepal.

Desire for / desirous of

He has no desire for fame or riches.

She is desirous of meeting her children.

Except for / exception to

Except for a few spelling mistakes, this is a good essay.

I take exception to your remark.

Fond of / fondness for

She is fond of chocolates.

She has great fondness for her children.

Hinder from / hindrance to

He hindered me from going.

Unemployment is a hindrance to progress.

Infatuated with / infatuation for

He is infatuated with his boss's daughter.

His infatuation for his boss's daughter led him astray.

Neglectful of / negligent in

He is neglectful of his duty.

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He is negligent in his work.

Qualified for / disqualified from

He is well-qualified for the job.

He is disqualified from practicing as a doctor.