

8.3 Vocabulary development

Vocabulary development adjectives + dependent prepositions

1 Match the sentence halves and add a preposition.

- The economies of some African countries are dependent on d
- Are you fussy _____
- New York is sometimes known _____
- Green chillies are rich _____
- Who's responsible _____
- People tend to associate Mexican food _____
- Roberto wasn't very enthusiastic _____

- 'the Big Apple'.
- what kind of coffee you drink?
- the idea of cooking a meal tonight.
- revenue from coffee exports.
- tacos and burritos.
- making this mess in the kitchen?
- vitamin C.

2 Choose the correct options to complete the sentences.

- Some young children are suspicious *with / at / of* new foods.
- Reusing leftover food is preferable *for / to / of* throwing it away.
- He's vegetarian, not because he's sympathetic *towards / with / for* animals, but because he dislikes meat.
- Molecular gastronomy is the study of the physical and chemical processes involved *on / in / for* cooking and eating.
- Consumers are becoming more aware *with / on / of* the health benefits of organic food.
- I was very impressed *by / of / for* the cake he made.



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3 Match the adjectives and prepositions in bold to meanings a–f.

- It was **unreasonable of** her to criticize his cooking. c
 - This soup tastes **identical to** the one my mother makes. _____
 - I'm very **familiar with** South Korean cuisine, having lived in Seoul for two years. _____
 - Do you think fresh pasta tastes **superior to** dried pasta? _____
 - I read that tomatoes and chillies are closely **related to** the tobacco plant. _____
 - He is strongly **opposed to** animal experimentation. _____
- in disagreement with
 - exactly the same as
 - not fair or acceptable
 - know something very well
 - better in quality than
 - connected to, or from the same family as

4 Complete the sentences with an adjective and preposition from exercise 3.

- There is a wild mushroom whose flavour is identical to chicken. It tastes exactly the same.
- Vegans are _____ eating animal products.
- Are you _____ the Argentinian drink *maté*?
- I thought it was _____ her to complain about the food.
- Your cooking skills are far _____ mine.
- The doctor thinks his stomach problems are _____ eating dairy.

➔ **STUDY TIP** *It was + adjective + of + somebody to ...* (e.g. *unreasonable of her to ...*) is a very common pattern. It can be used with many adjectives which describe behaviour, for example:
It was arrogant of him to say that.
It was irresponsible of her to leave the child alone in the house.