Adjectives and prepositions

Afraid of, afraid for, worried about

Usa **afraid of** para decir que algo te da miedo; **afraid for** cuando temes por alguien; y **worried about** cuando te preocupa un problema.

Ejemplo resuelto / Worked example

He is afraid **of** flying, but worried **about** his daughter's trip. / Tiene miedo a volar, pero le preocupa el viaje de su hija.

Complete each gap with the correct preposition.

01. De pequeña, Elena tenía miedo a los perros grandes.
As a child, Elena was afraid _____ large dogs.

02. De pequeña, Elena tenía miedo a la oscuridad.
As a child, Elena was afraid _____ the dark.

03. De pequeña, Elena tenía miedo a volar.
As a child, Elena was afraid _____ flying.

04. De pequeña, Elena tenía miedo a las tormentas.
As a child, Elena was afraid _____ thunderstorms.

05. Cuando el sendero se volvió peligroso, temimos por la seguridad de los niños.
When the path became dangerous, we were afraid _____ the children's safety.

06. Cuando el sendero se volvió peligroso, temimos por la vida del guía.
When the path became dangerous, we were afraid _____ the guide's life.

07. Cuando el sendero se volvió peligroso, temimos por nuestros amigos, que iban detrás.
When the path became dangerous, we were afraid _____ our friends, who were behind us.

08. Cuando el sendero se volvió peligroso, temimos por los excursionistas que seguían lejos.
When the path became dangerous, we were afraid _____ the hikers who were still far away.

09. Le preocupa el examen de mañana y por eso está repasando.
She is worried _____ tomorrow's exam and is revising because of it.

10. Le preocupa la entrevista del lunes y por eso está repasando.
She is worried _____ Monday's interview and is revising because of it.

11. Le preocupa el resultado de la prueba y por eso está repasando.
She is worried _____ the test result and is revising because of it.

12. Le preocupa el viaje de vuelta y por eso está repasando.
She is worried _____ the journey back and is revising because of it.

13. A Sam le dan miedo las arañas.
Sam is frightened _____ spiders.

14. A Sam le dan miedo los espacios cerrados.
Sam is frightened _____ enclosed spaces.

15. A Sam le dan miedo los ruidos repentinos.
Sam is frightened _____ sudden noises.

16. A Sam le dan miedo las alturas.
Sam is frightened _____ heights.

17. Como nadie contestaba al teléfono, estábamos preocupados por nuestra hija, que volvía sola.
As nobody was answering the phone, we were worried _____ our daughter, who was coming home alone.

18. Como nadie contestaba al teléfono, estábamos preocupados por el vecino enfermo.
As nobody was answering the phone, we were worried _____ the sick neighbour.

19. Como nadie contestaba al teléfono, estábamos preocupados por el conductor que no había llegado.
As nobody was answering the phone, we were worried _____ the driver who had not arrived.

20. Como nadie contestaba al teléfono, estábamos preocupados por los excursionistas perdidos.
As nobody was answering the phone, we were worried _____ the missing hikers.

Fear and concern

Continue. Complete only the gap in English.

21. El río sigue subiendo y los vecinos están preocupados por la crecida del río.
The neighbours are anxious _____ the rising river.

22. El río sigue subiendo y los vecinos están preocupados por la tormenta que se acerca.
The neighbours are anxious _____ the approaching storm.

23. El río sigue subiendo y los vecinos están preocupados por el corte de la carretera.
The neighbours are anxious _____ the road closure.

24. El río sigue subiendo y los vecinos están preocupados por la alerta meteorológica.
The neighbours are anxious _____ the weather warning.

25. Nora tiene miedo de los ascensores y por eso los evita.
Nora is afraid _____ lifts and avoids them.

26. Nora tiene miedo de los caballos y por eso los evita.
Nora is afraid _____ horses and avoids them.

27. Nora tiene miedo de los túneles y por eso los evita.
Nora is afraid _____ tunnels and avoids them.

28. Nora tiene miedo de los fuegos artificiales y por eso los evita.
Nora is afraid _____ fireworks and avoids them.

29. El equipo está preocupado por el presupuesto antes de firmar el contrato.
The team is anxious _____ the budget before signing the contract.

30. El equipo está preocupado por la fecha de entrega antes de firmar el contrato.
The team is anxious _____ the delivery date before signing the contract.

31. El equipo está preocupado por los posibles riesgos antes de firmar el contrato.
The team is anxious _____ the possible risks before signing the contract.

32. El equipo está preocupado por los cambios propuestos antes de firmar el contrato.
The team is anxious _____ the proposed changes before signing the contract.

33. La madre se preocupó por la seguridad de su bebé al oír el ruido.
The mother was anxious _____ the safety of her baby when she heard the noise.

34. La madre se preocupó por la seguridad de sus hijos al oír el ruido.
The mother was anxious _____ the safety of her children when she heard the noise.

35. La madre se preocupó por la seguridad de su padre, que estaba solo al oír el ruido.
The mother was anxious _____ her father, who was alone when she heard the noise.

36. La madre se preocupó por la familia que viajaba con ella al oír el ruido.
The mother was anxious _____ the family travelling with her when she heard the noise.

37. Aunque le daba miedo nadar en el mar, al final se apuntó a la excursión.
Although she was scared _____ swimming in the sea, she joined the trip in the end.

38. Aunque le daba miedo dormir en una tienda de campaña, al final se apuntó a la excursión.
Although she was scared _____ sleeping in a tent, she joined the trip in the end.

39. Aunque le daba miedo caminar por un puente colgante, al final se apuntó a la excursión.
Although she was scared _____ walking across a suspension bridge, she joined the trip in the end.

40. Aunque le daba miedo viajar en barco, al final se apuntó a la excursión.
Although she was scared _____ travelling by boat, she joined the trip in the end.

Answer key

Complete sentences. The adjective preposition is shown in bold.

01. As a child, Elena was afraid **of** large dogs.
02. As a child, Elena was afraid **of** the dark.
03. As a child, Elena was afraid **of** flying.
04. As a child, Elena was afraid **of** thunderstorms.
05. When the path became dangerous, we were afraid **for** the children’s safety.
06. When the path became dangerous, we were afraid **for** the guide’s life.
07. When the path became dangerous, we were afraid **for** our friends, who were behind us.
08. When the path became dangerous, we were afraid **for** the hikers who were still far away.
09. She is worried **about** tomorrow’s exam and is revising because of it.
10. She is worried **about** Monday’s interview and is revising because of it.
11. She is worried **about** the test result and is revising because of it.
12. She is worried **about** the journey back and is revising because of it.
13. Sam is frightened **of** spiders.
14. Sam is frightened **of** enclosed spaces.
15. Sam is frightened **of** sudden noises.
16. Sam is frightened **of** heights.
17. As nobody was answering the phone, we were worried **for** our daughter, who was coming home alone.
18. As nobody was answering the phone, we were worried **for** the sick neighbour.
19. As nobody was answering the phone, we were worried **for** the driver who had not arrived.
20. As nobody was answering the phone, we were worried **for** the missing hikers.
21. The neighbours are anxious **about** the rising river.
22. The neighbours are anxious **about** the approaching storm.
23. The neighbours are anxious **about** the road closure.
24. The neighbours are anxious **about** the weather warning.
25. Nora is afraid **of** lifts and avoids them.
26. Nora is afraid **of** horses and avoids them.
27. Nora is afraid **of** tunnels and avoids them.
28. Nora is afraid **of** fireworks and avoids them.
29. The team is anxious **about** the budget before signing the contract.
30. The team is anxious **about** the delivery date before signing the contract.
31. The team is anxious **about** the possible risks before signing the contract.
32. The team is anxious **about** the proposed changes before signing the contract.
33. The mother was anxious **for** the safety of her baby when she heard the noise.
34. The mother was anxious **for** the safety of her children when she heard the noise.
35. The mother was anxious **for** her father, who was alone when she heard the noise.
36. The mother was anxious **for** the family travelling with her when she heard the noise.
37. Although she was scared **of** swimming in the sea, she joined the trip in the end.
38. Although she was scared **of** sleeping in a tent, she joined the trip in the end.
39. Although she was scared **of** walking across a suspension bridge, she joined the trip in the end.
40. Although she was scared **of** travelling by boat, she joined the trip in the end.