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Must-Read Adjective Phrases – Part 1 and Part 2

Preface

This book is dedicated to my grandson Winsir Hsiao 蕭文鈞 and granddaughter Bonnie Liu 劉懿, whose smiles and laughter have sweetened and enriched the book's contents.

Adjective Phrases in this book cover the following two parts:

Part 1 for Verb + ed + Preposition:

(be) addicted to	(be) accustomed to
(be) aimed at	(be) associated with
(be) braced for	(be) concerned about
(be) confined to	(be) divided over
(be) excited about	(be) exposed to
(be) focused to	(be) frustrated with
(be) headed for	(be) interested in
(be) involved in	(be) limited to
(be) pleased with	(be) prepared fo
(be) related to	(be) relaxed about
(be) riddled with	(be) satisfied with
(be) saddled with	(be) worried about

Part 2 for Adjective + Preposition:

(be) adept at	(be) akin to
(be) attractive to	(be) awash with
(be) available to	(be) cautious about
(be) close to	(be) comfortable with
(be) consistent with	(be) dependent on
(be) different from	(be) eligible for
(be) enthusiastic about	(be) immune to
(be) liable for	(be) nervous about
(be) optimistic about	(be) pessimistic about
(be) prone to	(be) reliant on
(be) responsible for	(be) serious about

(be) subject to (be) vulnerable to

Sentences are mostly collected from the newspapers and magazines listed below, with some of them slightly revised to reflect their simplicity and clearness.

There is no doubt that sentences in each part of this book are not exhaustive, and readers are advised to add their own sentences to this book whenever they find them readable and useful.

American-English newspapers and magazines:

The Asian Wall Street Journal

The Wall Street Journal

International New York Times

USA Today

Time

Bloomberg Businessweek (formerly Business Week)

British-English newspapers and magazine:

Financial Times

The Guardian

The Observer

The Economist

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Part 1 for Verb + ed + Preposition

(be) accustomed to, (be) accustomed to + V~ing

It is possible that once shoppers **become accustomed to** discounts, they will refuse to pay full price for brand-name clothing.
to become accustomed to, (be) accustomed to

Millennials are **accustomed to tailoring** their world to their preferences, customizing the music they listen to and the news they consume.
(be) accustomed to + V~ing (*tailoring*), (be) accustomed to

Law enforcement has long been **accustomed to obtaining** warrants to search almost anything it wants.
(be) accustomed to + V~ing (*obtaining*), (be) accustomed to

Western consumers are **accustomed to using** many different apps to access the internet, not just one.
(be) accustomed to + V~ing (*using*), (be) accustomed to

Large companies are **accustomed to making** do with the state of things now.
(be) accustomed to + V~ing (*making*), (be) accustomed to

Commuters around the world are already **accustomed to making** journeys that combine public transport with walking, taxis or shared bikes.
(be) accustomed to + V~ing (*making*), (be) accustomed to

Businesspeople are **accustomed to dealing** with difficult clients.
(be) accustomed to + V~ing (*dealing*), (be) accustomed to

Brazilians have **become so accustomed to** revelations of wrongdoing that they treated news of their former president's forthcoming trial almost as a non-event.
to become accustomed to, (be) accustomed to

It is just another sign that the Republicans are still **getting accustomed to being** the party in power.
get accustomed to + V~ing (*being*), (be) accustomed to + V~ing (*being*)

People **become accustomed to** the idea that city streets are only for driving and walking, and not for parking.
to become accustomed to, (be) accustomed to

(be) addicted to

GlaxoSmithKline must be **addicted to** exciting succession scraps.

(be) addicted to

People with addiction may be dependent on the drugs to keep them clean, but they are not **addicted to** them.

(be) addicted to

Customers are still **addicted to** live TV, especially sports.

(be) addicted to

Americans are increasingly **addicted to** opioid painkillers, and people in poor countries die in agony without them.

(be) addicted to

When viewers get addicted to a Netflix show, you stay up late at night.

to get addicted to, (be) addicted to

(be) affiliated with

The five main newspapers are **affiliated with** the principal private television stations.

(be) affiliated with

(be) afflicted with

The FBI investigated him for being a communist labor activist, and he was **afflicted with** alcoholism and tuberculosis.

(be) afflicted with

(be) aimed at

The new model is **aimed at** customers interested in replacing personal computers with a tablet.

(be) aimed at

Mr. Xi's fierce campaign against corruption has been **aimed at** tightening his grip and strengthening the party's discipline as well as settling scores with enemies.

(be) aimed at

Other changes are **aimed at** staff.

(be) aimed at

The tax is **aimed at** stopping these buyers from pushing up prices in Canada's most expensive residential-property market.

(be) aimed at

The move is **aimed at** helping to boost Iran's sanctions-damaged economy.

(be) aimed at

Modi's action is **aimed** squarely **at** the cash-driven shadow economy, which accounts for about 25% of GDP.

(be) aimed at

Their investigations are **aimed at** protecting ExxonMobil investors and US consumers from potential fraud.

(be) aimed at

Both policies are directly **aimed at** reducing the cost of loans for businesses and consumers.

(be) aimed at

High taxes – \$4.35 per pack of cigarette in New York State – are **aimed at** preventing price-sensitive teens from getting addicted.

(be) aimed at

The efforts are **aimed at** online travel agencies (OTAs) that charge commissions to hotels that have listings on their sites.

(be) aimed at

(be) alienated from

Despite this direct democracy, Europeans are **alienated from** politics and furious with their governments.

(be) alienated from

(be) aligned with

Most of my job is to make sure the interests of the growers are **aligned with** those of our suppliers, customers and consumers.

(be) aligned with

Mr. Farage is more **aligned with** Mr. Trump on key issues.

(be) aligned with

(be) associated with

The gender difference can be **associated with** the different ways young men and young women respond to distress.

(be) associated with

In practice, every kind of health work is **associated with** crushing long hours.
(be) associated with

Golf, long **associated with** extravagance in Japan, is flagging.
(be) associated with

We knew that there are things like violence and abuse that are strongly **associated with** mental illness.
(be) associated with

The numbers on marriage and divorce are important because stable marriages are **associated with** other positive trends such as lower youth crime and greater educational attainment.
(be) associated with

President-elect Donald Trump is **associated with** companies battling with federal regulatory agencies.
(be) associated with

When the savings decision is **associated with** a future spending action, this will increase the chances a person will reach their long-term retirement investment goal.
(be) associated with

They find that dollar appreciation is **associated with** a slowing of cross-border dollar lending.
(be) associated with

The report also played down any unique risk of cancer, autism or other maladies alleged to have been **associated with** genetically engineered crops.
(be) associated with

Short-term exposure can trigger coughing and eye and throat irritation, while longer-term exposure is strongly **associated with** reduced lung function, heart disease and lung cancer.
(be) associated with

Contrary to the fears of some, these policy changes are not **associated with** increased marijuana use or with adverse effects on traffic safety.
(be) associated with

Marijuana regulations are also **associated with** less opioid abuse and mortality.
(be) associated with

It points out that among poorer countries the amount of public spending per pupil is **associated with** higher test scores.

(be) associated with

While poverty is strongly **associated with** low scores, it is not destiny.

(be) associated with

Spending money is **associated with** higher scores, but only in poorer countries.

(be) associated with

Heavy cannabis use is **associated with** mental illness.

(be) associated with

The opening of a new grammar school is **associated with** a decline in demand for the best local private secondary schools and an increase in demand for private primaries.

(be) associated with

The company is **associated with** genetically modified seeds while its herbicide has been linked to cancer.

(be) associated with

Few things are more **associated with** Silicon Valley companies than a bottomless supply of junk food and soda.

(be) associated with

Airlines really did not want to be **associated with** subjecting their passengers to government scrutiny because of the privacy issues.

(be) associated with

Bold investments in science and technology can solve scores of problems which are **associated with** long life.

(be) associated with

Now, sitting is a risk factor for obesity, which in turn is a risk factor for diabetes, which is strongly **associated with** dementia.

(be) associated with

There will be a whole set of rules **associated with** any drinks package.

(be) associated with

In both countries, obesity is **associated with** poverty.

(be) associated with

Yet the concentration of power has been **associated with** greater instability in markets and policy making.

(be) associated with

More trade has been **associated with** higher productivity growth when countries have emerged from economic isolation.

(be) associated with

(be) attached to

Older people may also be more **attached to** the idea of Great Britain.

(be) attached to

Young adults are less **attached to** organized religion than older generations were at their age.

(be) attached to

Some Europeans are more **attached to** notes and coins than others.

(be) attached to

People who have children and own a home **feel more attached to** their communities and more concerned about how they are run.

to feel attached to, (be) attached to

(be) biased against/toward

Women are twice as likely as men to drop out mid-career, often complaining of hostile work environments which are **biased against** their gender.

(be) biased against

Growth is far too **biased toward** consumer spending.

(be) biased toward

(be) blessed with

China is **blessed with** the strong and long-term focused leadership of President Xi Jinping, the best leader in the world.

(be) blessed with

Jordan is **blessed with** geographical features that will let it expand its solar capacity once it has ironed out its problems.

(be) blessed with

Describing herself as an immigrant, the designer said she has been **blessed with** the opportunity to pursue her dreams in the U.S., and that dressing First Lady Michelle Obama intermittently over the past eight years has been a highlight and an honor.

(be) blessed with

(be) braced for

Companies are **braced for** further tightening of rules in future.

(be) braced for

Stock markets around the world are **braced for** another turbulent week with key Chinese economic data, tumbling oil prices and a US public holiday all adding to the uncertainty.

(be) braced for

UK economy is **braced for** interesting times as Brexit phony war ends.

(be) braced for

State officials are **braced for** chaos today.

(be) braced for

The government was **braced for** a drop in its approval ratings.

(be) braced for

BP is also **braced for** continued low oil prices, with capital spending due to be \$16bn this year.

(be) braced for

BP is also **braced for** a row over pay.

(be) braced for

Investors are **braced for** a wave of fresh stock market listings as companies look to take advantage of a period of stability to raise money before the potential turmoil of the US elections.

(be) braced for

Many reliable measures of anxiety and risk aversion show that investors are even **braced for** a crisis.

(be) braced for

Investors are **braced for** rates to rise soon.

(be) braced for

Investors are **braced for** a pretty disappointing earnings season.

(be) braced for

It is **braced for** a £4bn legal challenge from investors who participated in its 2008 rescue rights issue.

(be) braced for

Banks must nevertheless be **braced for** turmoil should the odds be upset.
(be) braced for

Some investors are **braced for** more difficult times ahead for the market in June.
(be) braced for

Anglo American is **braced for** a revolt over rewards for top executives.
(be) braced for

(be) burdened with

Today's young university graduates are **burdened with** debt – the poorer they are, the more they owe.
(be) burdened with

The state is **burdened with** the second-highest debt load in the euro zone, at 133% of GDP.
(be) burdened with

The government is also **burdened with** high expectations, which are likely to go unfulfilled.
(be) burdened with

Central banks have **become burdened with** the responsibility for tackling a slowdown in growth.
to become burdened with, (be) burdened with

(be) committed to + V~ing, (be) committed to

China is **committed to making** progress with exchange-rate reform during its 13th Five-Year Plan, relying more on the market to determine prices,
(be) committed to + V~ing (*making*)

BMW said in a statement that it is **committed to further improving** its recall processes to better serve its customers.
(be) committed to + V~ing (*improving*)

The country is **committed to taking** steps to make its business climate even friendlier for international companies in the years to come.
(be) committed to + V~ing (*taking*)

EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) is **committed to doing** everything it can to protect our drinking water.
(be) committed to (*doing*)

We are **committed to promptly resolving** any issues our customers bring to our attention.

(be) committed to (*resolving*)

We are **committed to ensuring** that everyone across the country benefits from our strong economy and the opportunities this brings.

(be) committed to + V~ing (*ensuring*)

Businesses in every corner of the UK are rolling up their sleeves as they prepare for life outside the EU and are **committed to making** it a success.

(be) committed to + V~ing (*making*)

The government is **committed to achieving** tax evasion and avoidance wherever it occurs.

(be) committed to + V~ing (*achieving*)

President Trump is **committed to renegotiating** NAFTA (North American Free Trade Agreement).

(be) committed to + V~ing (*renegotiating*)

We are very **committed to staying** focused on the high-end travelers.

(be) committed to + V~ing (*staying*)

The company was **committed to minimizing** the impact of the these changes on staff.

(be) committed to + V~ing (*minimizing*)

It is a clear sign that Britain is **committed to doing** the right thing.

(be) committed to + V~ing (*doing*)

Bayer is fully **committed to pursuing** this transaction.

(be) committed to + V~ing (*pursuing*)

We are **committed to enhancing** sustainable long-term value for our shareholders.

(be) committed to + V~ing (*enhancing*)

Areva said it was fully **committed to sorting** these issues out and **completing** the reactor, which is nine years behind schedule.

(be) committed to + V~ing (*sorting*)

Airbnb is **committed to building** a community where everyone can belong, no matter who they are or what they look like.

(be) committed to + V~ing (*building*)

The government was already **committed to addressing** some of these issues.
(be) committed to + V~ing (*addressing*)

Ford says it **remains committed to investing** in the US and adding jobs in America even as it expands its presence in Mexico.
to remain committed to + V~ing (*investing*), (be) committed to (*investing*)

We **remain committed to giving** our customers more choice in how, when and where they access their subscription.
to remain committed to + V~ing (*giving*), (be) committed to + V~ing (*giving*)

President-elect Donald Trump says he is open to lifting sanctions against Russia and is not **committed to** a long-standing agreement with China over Taiwan.
(be) committed to

(be) composed of

The entire team would be **composed of** part-time employees, including managers.
(be) composed of

(be) concerned about

Many doctors are **concerned about** the risks associated with highly addictive and potentially deadly opiates.
(be) concerned about

Government officials are said to be **concerned about** the effect of the mergers on consumers.
(be) concerned about

They are **concerned about** an erosion of profits and loss of talent in key businesses like investment banking and asset management.
(be) concerned about

Bank regulators have **grown concerned about** the risks of handling hazardous commodities.
to grow concerned about, (be) concerned about

As the public **becomes increasingly concerned about** air pollution, high-end malls in Beijing now publish their indoor air quality on screens in the central atrium.
to become concerned about, (be) concerned about

Some are **concerned about** the lack of clarity on a series of questions, including whether the government hopes to remain within the customs union.
(be) concerned about

Theresa May will lay out her plans for Britain's exit from the EU on Tuesday, but many MPs are **concerned about** lack of clarity on key EU issues.
(be) concerned about

The prime minister is **concerned about** China's involvement in the project to build Britain's first nuclear power plant in Somerset.
(be) concerned about

The food delivery network is also **concerned about** difficulties in attracting EU workers.
(be) concerned about

Investors may be overly **concerned about** the Federal Reserve raising interest rates.
(be) concerned about

We are **concerned** a lot **about** Trumps policy of protectionism.
(be) concerned about

Alumni are **concerned about** the value of their own degree if the college closes, but donors can grow weary.
(be) concerned about

Compliance watchdogs are often locked in losing battles with bankers who are more **concerned about** booking deposits and doing deals than making sure the money coming in is clean.
(be) concerned about

Firms were **concerned about** passporting rights – the laws giving financial companies the right to operate across the 28 EU states - whose future is unclear.
(be) concerned about

While many companies have enough cash to fund investment, shareholders are likely to be **concerned about** backing investments that will carry higher loan repayments.
(be) concerned about

At the higher levels, they are more **concerned about** what Apple is doing in India.
(be) concerned about

Policymakers and economists have **grown** increasingly **concerned about** a slowdown in global trade growth.
to grow concerned about, (be) concerned about

Officials **remain concerned about** sluggish inflation, which is both a sign of economic weakness and an impediment to faster growth.
to remain concerned about, (be) concerned about

The BoE is also **concerned about** the ability to keep financing the UK's current account deficit at a time when investors are pulling back from the UK.
(be) concerned about

They are **concerned about** the Zika virus' link to birth defects and miscarriages.
(be) concerned about

Unions are **concerned about** potential job losses as well as cuts to pay and benefits for staff.
(be) concerned about

They are **concerned about** being isolated from the outside world.
(be) concerned about

Our research shows that men with mental health difficulties are very **concerned about** how their employers will perceive them.
(be) concerned about

We are **concerned about** Ukraine's slow progress in improving governance and fighting corruption.
(be) concerned about

Many Taiwanese voters are less **concerned about** geopolitics than an economy that has struggled.
(be) concerned about

Investors and analysts do not seem overly **concerned about** how much the firm is spending.
(be) concerned about

Although air travelers want their luggage to be delivered on time, they are more **concerned about** getting to their destinations themselves.
(be) concerned about

CFOs are not as **concerned about** government regulation as they have been in the past.
(be) concerned about

It has previously said it is **concerned about** the ability of some households to keep paying their debts if unemployment rises and wage growth stalls.
(be) concerned about

Global investors have been watching China warily for months as they **grow** increasingly **concerned about** the country's economic outlook.
to grow concerned about, (be) concerned about

We are more **concerned about** the downside risks than the upside potential at this point.
(be) concerned about

We have been fairly **concerned about** what the US president-elect has said.
(be) concerned about

Government officials are said to be **concerned about** the effect of the mergers on consumers.
(be) concerned about

British businesspeople are **concerned about** losing access to a tariff-free market of 500 million people.
(be) concerned about

Most companies are more **concerned about** the damage to their brands.
(be) concerned about

Nobody is more **concerned about** kids and gun safety than responsible gun owners.
(be) concerned about

The market is **concerned about** China's financial stability.
(be) concerned about

(be) concerned with

Anti-trust regulators have been typically more **concerned with** horizontal integration deals, in which a company buys a rival and gains greater market share.
(be) concerned with

(be) confined to

The trouble is not **confined to** the capital.
(be) confined to

The problem is not **confined to** London.
(be) confined to

Now goods and services that used to be **confined to** a handful of tycoons are available to the millionaire or pretend-millionaires next door, thanks to the magic of the sharing economy.
(be) confined to

Referendums should be **confined to** irreversible decisions that will really impact people's lives.
(be) confined to

From April to June, all cars will be **confined to** their garages once a week.
(be) confined to

Such problems are not **confined to** Asia only.
(be) confined to

The problem is not **confined to** those with so-called defined-benefit (DB) pensions.
(be) confined to

The building boom is **confined to** Caracas.
(be) confined to

The slowdown in mobile sales is not **confined to** Apple; worldwide smartphone growth has declined to its lowest rate since 2013.
(be) confined to

Although many Europeans assume such problems are **confined to** eastern countries, some 60% of the price-fixing cartels discovered between 1990 and 2016 were in western Europe.
(be) confined to

The US government must make sure that those powers are **confined to** appropriate cases.
(be) confined to

The issue is not **confined to** the social network.
(be) confined to

The malaise is not **confined to** factories.
(be) confined to

Early voting ought to be **confined to** the period between the final presidential debate and Election Day.

(be) confined to

The trend is not **confined to** the private sector.

(be) confined to

Such problems are not **confined to** Asia.

(be) confined to

Few worried about that when mosquito-borne disease **seemed confined to** poor, tropical countries.

to seem confined to, (be) confined to

(be) confronted with

Banks are **confronted with** continuous regulatory burden and a prolonged period of ultra-low interest rates.

(be) confronted with

(be) confused about

This is possibly because they are **confused about** what is an ad and what is not.

(be) confused about

Articles like this are not very helpful because they **leave** women **confused about** how to be screened for breast cancer.

to leave ... confused about, (be) confused about

Having survived the financial crisis, banks are today **confused about** their purpose.

(be) confused about

(be) connected to

Over a billion people are **connected to** at least one small business on Facebook.

(be) connected to

We are talking about fruits and vegetables that are **connected to** our cultures and our identity.

(be) connected to

(be) correlated with

Sometimes lower prices are actually **correlated with** higher trading volume rather than lower trading volume.

(be) correlated with

Searches for jobseekers have historically been **correlated with** the unemployment rate.

(be) correlated with

(be) dedicated to + V~ing

Hundreds of employees worldwide are **dedicated to serving** our clients with the utmost integrity.

(be) dedicated to + V~ing (*serving*)

(be) delighted with

The debt-laden are **delighted with** the persistence of a low-rate world.

(be) delighted with

(be) depressed with

We are super **depressed about** the wider ramifications for British politics and the economy.

(be) depressed about

(be) destined for

The stolen cheeses were almost certainly **destined for** the export market.

(be) destined for

There was not much in his childhood to suggest he was **destined for** high office.

(be) destined for

Paula Nickolds is a company “lifer” who was perhaps **destined for** a senior role in retail management.

(be) destined for

The problem for shipbuilders and coalminers is that many of the service jobs are **destined for** younger people with more education.

(be) destined for

(be) devoted to

We are **devoted to making** the world more open.

(be) devoted to + V~ing (*making*), (be) devoted to

(be) disappointed with

The OECD on Thursday lowered its expectations for global growth, saying it was **disappointed with** the world's economic performance.

(be) disappointed with

(be) disillusioned with

His failure to deliver on his grandiose promises threatens to leave his supporters even more **disillusioned about** politics than they already are.

(be) disillusioned about

Mrs. Merkel needs to buck up her own party, the center-right Christian Democratic Union, which is **disillusioned with** the welcome culture for refugees that she has promoted.

(be) disillusioned with

(be) dissatisfied with

Voters are already **dissatisfied with** their lot after years of sluggish gains or declines in living standards.

(be) dissatisfied with

Young Americans are so **dissatisfied with** the options in this year's US presidential election that nearly one in four would rather have a giant meteor destroy the Earth than see Donald Trump or Hillary Clinton in the White House.

(be) dissatisfied with

(be) divided into

For anyone in the financial world, time is **divided into** Before Lehman and After Lehman.

(be) divided into

(be) divided on

Fed officials are **divided on** whether wages and inflation will continue to be subdued.

(be) divided on

Taiwanese society is deeply **divided on** the issue of closer relations with the mainland.

(be) divided on

Fed officials still appear to be largely **divided on** whether the economy is strong enough to warrant a rate hike.

(be) divided on

(be) divided over

Creditors are still fiercely **divided over** ways to tackling Athens' €21bn mountain of debt.

(be) divided over

Economists are **divided over** whether BoJ governor's approach can spark inflation in Japan, where the population is declining and productivity growth is slow.

(be) divided over

The government is accused of having no plan and of being **divided over** whether to go for a "hard" or a "soft" Brexit.

(be) divided over

Labor is deeply **divided over** the issue of freedom of movement, with Jeremy Corbyn saying he does not object in principle to limits on immigration

(be) divided over

Analysts had been **divided over** whether the Bank of Japan would expand its lavish asset purchases to inject still more cash into the economy.

(be) divided over

Germany is bitterly **divided over** the refugee question.

(be) divided over

Courts are **divided over** whether websites and mobile apps are legally required to provide equal access to people with disabilities.

(be) divided over

Among oil investors, the bulls and the bears are **divided over** just when that turnaround may begin.

(be) divided over

Economists are **divided over** whether the ECB will need to boost its bond-purchase program again to hit its target.

(be) divided over

People are **divided over** the stunt being romantic or vulgar.

(be) divided over

Britain increasingly looks like two countries that they are **divided over** globalization.
(be) divided over

If Germany is united in its support for the EU, it is to some extent **divided over** what to do next about Britain.
(be) divided over

The Supreme Court **appeared** deeply **divided over** the most far-reaching abortion rights case it has considered in a generation.
to appear divided over, (be) divided over

The justices **appeared** **divided over** whether Miami's asserted injuries were enough to allow it to sue under the housing law.
to appear divided over, (be) divided over

European countries **remain** strangely **divided over** drug policy.
to remain divided over, (be) divided over

(be) doomed to + something

The UK's car industry is **doomed to a sharp decline** if the country loses access to the EU single market.
(be) doomed to (*a sharp decline*)

The Bretton Woods moment is not **doomed to failure**, but seizing it will not be easy.
(be) doomed to (*failure*)

That approach is **doomed to failure**.
(be) doomed to (*failure*)

We and countless others warned the government that these plans were unworkable, fundamentally dangerous and **doomed to failure**.
(be) doomed to (*failure*)

(be) embedded in

Smoking, like café culture, **seems embedded in** French life.
to seem embedded in, (be) embedded in

The scars and stains of racism are still deeply **embedded in** American society.
(be) embedded in

(be) engaged in

The Iraqi military and its allied militias are **engaged in** intense fighting on the edges of Fallujah in an effort to reclaim the city from ISIS militants.

(be) engaged in

Mr. Xi has also been **engaged in** a fierce campaign against corruption, which has spread fear throughout the bureaucracy.

(be) engaged in

“Super 301” powers under the 1974 Trade Act allow the president to impose tariffs without congressional approval on countries deemed to be **engaged in** unfair trade practices.

(be) engaged in

A truck driver has to be 100% **engaged in** the act of driving.

(be) engaged in

China and the EU are **engaged in** several major discussions.

(be) engaged in

(be) equipped with

That threat is real, but we are **equipped with** the means to keep the cyberpeace.

(be) equipped with

(be) excited about

It is new and different, and everyone is very **excited about** it.

(be) excited about

Many in the alternative-realities business are more **excited about** augmented reality.

(be) excited about

We are **excited about** the potential for Epidiolex to become the first approved treatment option.

(be) excited about

These days, international donors and charities are much more **excited about** other approaches.

(be) excited about

Amid worries about his potential conflicts of interest and admiration for Russian dictator Vladimir Putin, it is hard to **get too excited about** her whereabouts.

to get excited about, (be) excited about

We have never been more **excited about** student loan debt.
(be) excited about

Apple is investing heavily in the study of machine learning and automation,
and is **excited about** the potential of automated systems in many areas.
(be) excited about

People keep asking if it is time to **get excited about** energy, but we believe that
conversation is premature.
to get excited about, (be) excited about

It is easy to see why bankers **get excited about** distributed ledgers.
to get excited about, (be) excited about

It is tempting to **get excited about** the market's recent rally.
to get excited about, (be) excited about

Bankers could not **get too excited about** the use of negative rates.
to get excited about, (be) excited about

(be) exposed to

Over 40% of children ages 10 to 17 have been **exposed to** porn online.
(be) exposed to

Australia is most **exposed to** a Chinese downturn.
(be) exposed to

Young Arabs are **exposed to** a proliferation of Islamic beliefs on satellite-TV
channels and the internet.
(be) exposed to

E-cig users may be **exposed to** increased levels of nicotine.
(be) exposed to

The European market is **becoming** more **exposed to** US borrowers.
to become exposed to, (be) exposed to

Britain is dangerously **exposed to** a slackening of demand from China.
(be) exposed to

AIG was **exposed to** the housing market through its mortgage insurance
business, United Guaranty Corporation.
(be) exposed to

Much of this borrowing is conducted through the banking system, **leaving** the banks **exposed to** the risk of a rising dollar.
to leave ... exposed to, (be) exposed to

Organic vegetables were never **exposed to** toxic chemicals.
(be) exposed to

By remaining involved in the Vornado partnership, Trump **remains** indirectly **exposed to** its debtors for these towers, including the Bank of China.
to remain exposed to, (be) exposed to

Even so, bad debts are mounting and banks that are **exposed to** oil producers may find themselves in trouble.
(be) exposed to

Banks are heavily **exposed to** the mortgage market.
(be) exposed to

The successful children are those who are **exposed to** good teaching more often.
(be) exposed to

That makes them more **exposed to** higher borrowing costs.
to make ... exposed to, (be) exposed to

Junior and subordinated bonds pay higher coupons but are **exposed to** losses before senior bonds, which have lower interest rates.
(be) exposed to

Junk bonds are more **exposed to** the wider economic outlook and therefore harder to sell.
(be) exposed to

Italian banks will continue to be heavily **exposed to** economic shocks.
(be) exposed to

When lenders are placed into resolution by central banks, senior bank bonds are also **exposed to** losses.
(be) exposed to

Much of this borrowing is conducted through the banking system, **leaving** the banks **exposed to** the risk of a rising dollar.
to leave ... exposed to, (be) exposed to

In the past, banks generally benefited from the appreciation of the Chinese

currency, but are now **exposed to** currency risk amid expectations the yuan will decline further.

(be) exposed to

Giant companies that do large percentages of their business outside the US are especially **exposed to** an uphill battle with the strong dollar.

(be) exposed to

Children are typically **exposed to** the toxic metal by living in older homes.

(be) exposed to

Children who have been **exposed to** lead may not show obvious symptoms, and the danger they face often goes unrecognized.

(be) exposed to

Criminalizing clients would drive prostitution back into the shadows and **leave** sex workers more **exposed to** harm than they were.

to leave ... exposed to, (be) exposed to

(be) faced with

Shareholders are **faced with** an industry in constant growing pains.

(be) faced with

We are **faced with** tremendous challenges.

(be) faced with

Today, the Israeli public is **faced with** two plans for possible solutions to this problem.

(be) faced with

(be) fixated on

Denmark is also **fixated on** its competitiveness.

(be) fixated to

(be) focused on

We are **focused on** providing a range of infrastructure and software as well as security.

(be) focused on

We **remain focused on** resolving this issue as quickly as possible without any disruption to customers.

to remain focused on, (be) focused on

The government's approach is **focused on** ensuring that we drive taxpayer value so when it comes to multilateral organisations, we focus on performance agreements.

(be) focused on

We are really just **focused on** winning the election.

(be) focused on

The banking regulators are not **focused on** the bribery aspect of the case.

(be) focused on

As a global supply glut continues to keep oil prices at their lowest levels in years, it seems that everyone is **focused on** the future of the commodity.

(be) focused on

The company's plans are primarily **focused on** expanding its own mines and wells.

(be) focused on

The world community is **focused on** maintaining a stable balance of power in the face of a growing Chinese assertiveness.

(be) focused on

You cannot be **focused on** acquisitions because you are dependent on so many other things.

(be) focused on

That system is so tightly **focused on** detecting potential terrorists that the government will not use it even to spot wanted fugitives.

(be) focused on

Businesses were too **focused on** delivering ever-higher returns to wealthy owners and top executives.

(be) focused on

Early indications are that the president will be more **focused on** working with financial services groups and more interested in easing rules than handing out record punishments.

(be) focused on

We **remain focused on** continuing to enhance the value of our innovative and established businesses.

to remain focused on, (be) focused on

(be) frustrated at

This group was **frustrated at** the lack of opportunities to get on.

(be) frustrated at

(be) frustrated with

Company executives say there is pent-up demand from passengers who are **frustrated with** current taxi services.

(be) frustrated with

Investors were **frustrated with** persistently low interest rates as they looked for income.

(be) frustrated with

Investors were **frustrated with** the negativity surrounding the US stock market.

(be) frustrated with

Teachers at the middle- and high-school levels are **frustrated with** students' disorganization and poor term papers, and certainly have become aware of executive function.

(be) frustrated with

Britain's government says all options are on the table while Labor's Stephen Kinnock says Tata is **frustrated with** the UK

(be) frustrated with

We are nothing but **frustrated with** Twitter.

(be) frustrated with

China has an embarrassment of talented citizens with global experience, but many of those who have returned have **grown frustrated with** the party's grip and left government.

to grow frustrated with, (be) frustrated with

The American people **grew frustrated with** our prior trade policy because they have ceased to believe in free trade and open markets.

to grow frustrated with, (be) frustrated with

Senior bankers in London are **growing frustrated with** JPMorgan Chase's public warnings that it may cut thousands of jobs in the UK.

to grow frustrated with, (be) frustrated with

Central bankers have **become** increasingly **frustrated with** the failure of governments to push through economic reforms.

to become frustrated with, (be) frustrated with

Apple Store workers are **getting frustrated with** the rampant iPhone battery flaw.

to get frustrated with, (be) frustrated with

(be) headed for

George Soros said China is **headed for** a hard landing.

(be) headed for

Lots of Americans are **headed for** retirement with little or no savings and investments.

(be) headed for

That is not to say China is **headed for** a meltdown.

(be) headed for

India is **headed for** its third straight year as the fastest-growing major economy in the world, with the IMF projecting a 7.6% jump in GDP.

(be) headed for

That suggests that Australia's biggest banks, among the most profitable in the world, might be **headed for** trouble.

(be) headed for

When it came time to take care of what needed to be done to keep things in order, everybody was **headed for** cover.

(be) headed for

We are not **headed for** a new Civil War on race.

(be) headed for

Stocks looked as if they were **headed for** their first bear market since 2009.

(be) headed for

There are growing fears that global banks are **headed for** a meltdown.

(be) headed for

Oil prices are **headed for** a fourth straight week of gains

(be) headed for

If everyone believes we are **headed for** a recession and acts that way, then we probably are.

(be) headed for

We are **headed for** a real economic collapse, and the order of magnitude of

which will be much greater than 2008's crash.

(be) headed for

Billionaire investor George Soros said China's economy is **headed for** a hard landing, a slump that will worsen global deflationary pressures, drag down stocks and boost U.S. government bonds.

(be) headed for

(be) headed to

The traveler was **headed to** Los Angeles on a one-way ticket.

(be) headed to

This year, 170,000 people are **headed to** San Francisco Dreamforce.

(be) headed to

(be) immersed in

They are not **immersed in** the day-to-day operations but are still wedded to our success.

(be) immersed in

(be) impressed with

IMF's board members were **impressed with** Christine Lagarde's strong and wise leadership.

(be) impressed with

We have been very **impressed with** the forward-looking thinking and strategic plan being pursued under Bob Bakish's leadership.

(be) impressed with

Watching the footage at home, we were **impressed with** the color, clarity and especially the smoothness.

(be) impressed with

(be) interested in

The China-backed investor group is **interested in** buying as much as 100 percent of Yum China.

(be) interested in

Millennials are more **interested in** ideas and causes than they are given credit for.

(be) interested in

Early indications are that the president will be more focused on working with financial services groups and more **interested in** easing rules than handing out record punishments.

(be) interested in

Experts say the latest wave of Chinese tourists are more sophisticated, and **interested in** visiting cultural attractions around the UK as well as doing some shopping.

(be) interested in

Wealthy sons of elite families were less **interested in** learning and more **interested in** ratifying their families' hoarding of wealth and power through a diploma.

(be) interested in

Few in Taiwan are **interested in** reunification under China's authoritarian political system.

(be) interested in

Since the presidential election, Mr. Trump has been decidedly less **interested in** constraining the power of big companies.

(be) interested in

The president is **interested in** "open source" intelligence in addition to old-fashioned spycraft and intercepted communications.

(be) interested in

In South Sudan neither of the two main warlords is **interested in** nation building.

(be) interested in

Young Indian people are **interested in** trying new things, and today they have more options to try new things.

(be) interested in

Politicians were more **interested in** attracting campaign contributions from NSA's corporate partners than in curbing agency wrongdoing.

(be) interested in

They are not really **interested in** the day-to-day details of execution.

(be) interested in

These institutions are more **interested in** predicting returns than in enterprise.

(be) interested in

More than a few are not too **interested in** US-style litigation and would be happy to take the rough with the smooth.
(be) interested in

Young people are said to be less **interested in** wearing gold jewelry than their parents.
(be) interested in

Starwood Hotels is **interested in** running more hotels in Havana or other cities of cultural interest.
(be) interested in

The Fed will certainly be looking closely at the rate of job creation in the US, but it is equally **interested in** what is happening to wages.
(be) interested in

Banks are still more **interested in** making profits by trading than by the traditional role of lending out our savings to people and businesses looking to make long-term investments.
(be) interested in

Victims of such fraud said that the police have not been **interested in** investigating such cases even though the losses have been as much as £25,000.
(be) interested in

Chinese are less **interested** than Americans or Britons **in** boozing and spa treatment, but keener on gambling.
(be) interested in

Foxconn is **interested in** expanding its business beyond assembly of products and logistics, by adding a wider array of components to its offerings.
(be) interested in

Political parties are weak and candidates often seem to be more **interested in** dispensing patronage than in implementing policies.
(be) interested in

Migrants are streaming into Germany, but few are **interested in** France.
(be) interested in

We are less **interested in** what laws say than what works.
(be) interested in

Most buyers from Nigeria and China are **interested in** property priced between £1m and £2m.

(be) interested in

However, Wall Street analysts were much more **interested in** the future.

(be) interested in

It seems that the UK is mainly **interested in** greater market access for its goods in India and in getting investments from India, but not in attracting talented Indian services professionals and students.

(be) interested in

Officials insist that terrorist groups **remain interested in** shoe bombs.

to remain interested in, (be) interested in

Many US-based drug companies **seem** more **interested in** buying overseas companies for tax perks than boosting their business or adding product lines.

to seem interested in, (be) interested in

Indeed, he often **seems** more **interested in** protest than in power.

to seem interested in/(be) interested in

Smaller news outlets may struggle to **get** advertisers **interested in** creating ads that match their house style.

to get ...interested in, (be) interested in

(be) intertwined with

Trump the brand is very closely **intertwined with** Trump the man.

(be) intertwined with

Many Turkish-Cypriots lives are **intertwined with** the Turkish economy, and every financial transaction that occurs in the north goes through Turkey.

(be) intertwined with

(be) inundated with

We have been **inundated with** campaign ads and non-stop coverage in the news media for most of that time.

(be) inundated with

(be) involved in

It remains unclear how many employees were **involved in** the misconduct.

(be) involved in

The union Unite has been **involved in** a long-running campaign against unfair handling of service charges and tips.

(be) involved in

Blind trusts are a well-established mechanism for protecting ministers in the handling of their interests, as they are not **involved in** any decisions on the management, acquisition or disposal of items in the trust.

(be) involved in

Families and carers are not always properly **involved in** the investigations process or treated with the respect they deserve.

(be) involved in

Amazon is **involved in** a labor dispute with employees at its warehouses in Germany over pay and conditions.

(be) involved in

Unaoil said it was not **involved in** corrupt practices relating to its business relationship with Rolls-Royce.

(be) involved in

Manny parents were **involved in** political activism of some kind.

(be) involved in

Trump's three children have also been **involved in** his campaign and preparations for the White House.

(be) involved in

European countries have been closely **involved in** efforts to create international consensus on how to close loopholes in cross-border taxation.

(be) involved in

The report said the Serious Fraud Office (SFO) was investigating whether Rolls-Royce or its agents were **involved in** any bribery of government officials in Nigeria up to 2013.

(be) involved in

The UN is not **involved in** the enforcement of trade deals, which are signed as agreements between participating nations.

(be) involved in

There is no specific data showing that €500 notes are often **involved in** illicit activities.

(be) involved in

Deutsche Bank is heavily **involved in** the trading of derivatives.

(be) involved in

The company has always insisted it has been **involved in** positive climate change initiatives for the past two decades.

(be) involved in

Filmmakers and experts will be **involved in** special events and streaming premieres, too.

(be) involved in

It remains unclear whether company executives were **involved in** the affair.

(be) involved in

They are also more likely to be **involved in** their communities and civil affairs.

(be) involved in

They have **become** very much **involved in** the company over the last six months.

to become involved in, (be) involved in

Uber spent more than \$1bn last year on Chinese subsidies and has **become** more **involved in** car leasing as it seeks to get more drivers on the road.

to become involved in, (be) involved in

The Obama Administration is increasingly reluctant to **get** more deeply **involved in** Middle East hot spots.

to get involved in, (be) involved in

Buffett is **getting** less **involved in** investment decisions, but at the same time Berkshire is still looking for what they consider is good value.

to get involved in, (be) involved in

Foreign banks are also **getting involved in** some of the deals: HSBC Credit Suisse and Rabobank are helping to arrange syndicated loans for ChemChiha.

to get involved in, (be) involved in

Under the pilot program in Shanghai, the husbands and wives of ministerial and provincial-level officials are prohibited from starting companies or **getting involved in** any business operations.

to get involved in, (be) involved in

Historically, federal mediators only **get involved in** collective bargaining situations with the agreement of both parties.

to get involved in, (be) involved in

(be) likened to

China's stock market is often **likened to** a casino.

(be) likened to

(be) limited to, (be) limited to + V~ing

Yet Xi Jinping's corruption campaign is no longer **limited to** those in government or the army.

(be) limited to

International brands are mostly **limited to** higher-end chains such as a Marriott and Hilton Worldwide.

(be) limited to

Tech startups are a worldwide phenomenon and not **limited to** Silicon Valley.

(be) limited to

The impact is immeasurable even if the problem is **limited to** mini-cars.

(be) limited to

Third-party debt collectors would be **limited to** up to six tries each week before a consumer is actually reached.

(be) limited to

At first, any such losses will likely be **limited to** amounts in excess of FDIC insurance limits.

(be) limited to

These experiences were not **limited to** those living within the jurisdiction of Transport for London.

(be) limited to

Your liability for each credit card lost or stolen is **limited to** \$50 in the event of fraud.

(be) limited to

Information on the Trump Organization is mainly **limited to** Mr. Trump's filings with election monitors.

(be) limited to

Yet the worries were not **limited to** the UK only.

(be) limited to

Wall Street's enemies tend to be **limited to** lawmakers who have threatened to crack down on them.

(be) limited to

The challenge for Pearson is not **limited to** textbook sales.

(be) limited to

Competition is not **limited to eating** out.

(be) limited to + V~ing (*eating*), (be) limited to

(be) linked to

Japanese group needs new capital to help with largest car recall after faulty airbags were **linked to** death and injury.

(be) linked to

Besides the number of people killed in the quake and tsunami, about 3,400 deaths from causes such as illness and suicide have been **linked to** the aftermath of the tragedy.

(be) linked to

Mosquitoes kill more humans than any other animal and were **linked to** roughly 5,000 deaths in 2015, mostly from malaria.

(be) linked to

Fentanyl, the powerful narcotic drug, has been **linked to** the deaths of thousands of Americans in the past several years.

(be) linked to

Power utilities and consumer goods producers are less tightly **linked to** the overall strength of the economy.

(be) linked to

Pharmaceutical manufacturers should prove that any additional costs are **linked to** additional patient benefits and better value.

(be) linked to

Federal law gives the government broad powers to seize cash and other assets if agents have evidence they are **linked to** crime.

(be) linked to

The drug has been **linked to** a reduction in the risk of cardiovascular disease, several types of cancer and glaucoma.

(be) linked to

The trend seems to be **linked to** a change in the habits of American workers.

(be) linked to

In Austria, every second job is directly or indirectly **linked to** trade with the rest of the world.
(be) linked to

Many studies have shown that stress has been **linked to** high blood pressure, headaches, stomach upset and insomnia.
(be) linked to

The tail-off in planning may be **linked to** a slowdown in the housing market.
(be) linked to

Ten types of cancer are **linked to** excess weight which can also lead to Type 2 diabetes, heart disease, stroke and a range of other health problems.
(be) linked to

The capital outflow is very much **linked to** renminbi depreciation expectations.
(be) linked to

The bonuses of the most senior staff are partly **linked to** achieving a 3% increase in the female staff each year.
(be) linked to

The insurance company will analyse the Facebook accounts of first-time car owners to look for personality traits that are **linked to** safe driving.
(be) linked to

The insurer will look for habits that research shows are **linked to** these personality traits.
(be) linked to

Although there is no direct evidence yet that these chemicals can actually cause cancer in humans, they have been **linked to** an increase in risk.
(be) linked to

The financial sector was also closely **linked to** the health of the economy.
(be) linked to

Investigators are looking into whether the money is **linked to** a troubled state investment firm, 1MDB.
(be) linked to

The financial sector is also closely **linked to** the health of the economy and responds sharply to slowing economic growth.
(be) linked to

Fees are **linked to** the value of the assets.

(be) linked to

Research has made clear that strong social ties are **linked to** better health.

(be) linked to

(be) littered with

The US economy is **littered with** industries that face little or no foreign competition.

(be) littered with

At the same time, the US is **littered with** drilled wells that have not been activated.

(be) littered with

(be) loaded with

Local governments and state-owned enterprises are **loaded with** debt.

(be) loaded with

Xi Jinping's speech was **loaded with** Chinese proverbs, American expressions and mixed metaphors.

(be) loaded with

(be) obsessed with

Many of the tycoons in Silicon Valley are **obsessed with** health and longevity while harboring the conviction that technology can improve anything.

(be) obsessed with

We have become slightly more **obsessed with** data security and much more reluctant to give away our data.

(be) obsessed with

In politics and business, people are **obsessed with** the precise shape and contours of our future place in Europe.

(be) obsessed with

There are two reasons why the tech titans are **obsessed with** healthy living.

(be) obsessed with

For the past several decades, policymakers and lawmakers of both parties have been **obsessed with** boosting exports as a way of reducing the trade deficit.

(be) obsessed with

Amazon is **obsessed with** helping them save time.

(be) obsessed with

Indeed, it seemed the Trump supporters were less **obsessed with** the daily run of campaign controversy.

(be) obsessed with

Moreover, there are plenty of super-customers who are as **obsessed with** solving problems as they are with the products themselves.

(be) obsessed with

If cultures are **obsessed with** the joys of relaxing with old friends, perhaps it is because they find it stressful to make new ones.

(be) obsessed with

People in Portland, Oregon, are **obsessed with** the tacky carpet at the city's airport.

(be) obsessed with

Obsessed with the idea of instant and total integration, we failed to notice that ordinary people do not share our Euro enthusiasm.

(be) obsessed with

For months and months, the media have been **obsessed with** the fractious, improbable Republican presidential campaign.

(be) obsessed with

Beijing is also **obsessed with** threats from technology.

(be) obsessed with

Companies **became obsessed with** internationalizing their customers, production, capital and management.

to become obsessed with, (be) obsessed with

(be) occupied with

It struck me sometimes that the British are so **occupied with** competing – in their jobs, dancing, baking, with other nations – that they miss the bigger picture.

(be) occupied with

(be) opposed to + V~ing, (be) opposed to

Steel producers are bitterly **opposed to letting** down Europe's defenses and claim a move to market economy status will destroy the continent's 330,000 jobs in the sector.

(be) opposed to + V~ing (*letting*), (be) opposed to

Germany has been staunchly **opposed to giving** Greece any debt relief.

(be) opposed to + V~ing (*giving*), (be) opposed to

Those **opposed to decriminalizing** drug-taking have always argued that it will lead to more consumption.

(be) opposed to + V~ing (*decriminalizing*), (be) opposed to

With Germany facing national election next autumn, its finance minister **remains** adamantly **opposed to waiving** a proportion of Greece's debt.

to remain opposed to + V~ing (*waiving*), (be) opposed to

The FCC received 1,425 complaints that were overwhelmingly **opposed to allowing** voice calls.

(be) opposed to + V~ing (*allowing*), (be) opposed to

Flight attendants were among the most vocally **opposed to lifting** the ban because of concerns including passengers ignoring safety briefings or getting into flights over noise.

(be) opposed to + V~ing (*lifting*), (be) opposed to

We **remain opposed to** 'shock and awe' approaches to monetary policy.

to remain opposed to, (be) opposed to

Activists said they are not inherently **opposed to** investment projects.

(be) opposed to

Compared with other Europeans, French voters are strikingly **opposed to** globalization and international trade.

(be) opposed to

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(be) opposed to

Multinational companies are generally **opposed to** data localization - keeping data stored in the country where it originates.

(be) opposed to

Japan would be **opposed to** any mainland Chinese bidder for the Toshiba chip business.

(be) opposed to

Speaking at the hearing, Brexit secretary, David Davis, said the UK was not **opposed to** transitional arrangements if they amounted to a Brexit implementation phase.

(be) opposed to

China is resolutely **opposed to** this and requests the U.S. stop such activities.

(be) opposed to

(be) peppered with

As you can see, history is **peppered with** scary events.

(be) peppered with

(be) plagued with

Now the industry is **plagued with** debts and oversupply.

(be) plagued with

We are **plagued with** a memory that people have.

(be) plagued with

(be) pleased with

Barclays and Credit Suisse said they were **pleased with** the resolutions.

(be) pleased with

We are **pleased with** the progress on a number of fronts.

(be) pleased with

However, Mr. Mario Draghi, the president of the ECB, was **pleased with** the scheme.

(be) pleased with

They are **pleased with** how Marriott is handling the merger of the programs.

(be) pleased with

While Diane Greene says she is **pleased with** the progress, it is an open secret within the tech industry that Google is having a hard time landing big contracts with big customers the way Amazon and Microsoft are doing.

(be) pleased with

Wells Fargo's biggest shareholder, Warren Buffett, is not **pleased with** the bank after learning that thousands of its employees opened 2 million fraudulent accounts for consumers without the approval to do so.

(be) pleased with

Some other employers are **pleased with** the results.
(be) pleased with

Others supporting Brexit were **pleased with** Theresa May's intervention.
(be) pleased with

The Fed likely was **pleased with** the market reaction, as were many Wall Street pros.
(be) pleased with

They can be free advertising if consumers are **pleased with** the product or service.
(be) pleased with

We **remain pleased with** our summer 2016 trading performance, with both revenue and bookings ahead of last year.
to remain pleased with, (be) pleased with

(be) poised for

The US business sector is not **poised for** a material return in growth.
(be) poised for

Australia and other coal-rich countries are **poised for** an economic boost as recently closed mines reopen following a price rebound.
(be) poised for

(be) preoccupied with

China will be **preoccupied with** intense preparation for its 19th Party Congress in 2017.
(be) preoccupied with

The founder of Uber's nemesis in China appeared to be **preoccupied with** far less glamorous activities.
(be) preoccupied with

Silicon Valley is **preoccupied with** voice control as an alternative to smartphone services.
(be) preoccupied with

Not everyone was **preoccupied with** disaster.
(be) preoccupied with

While Britain chooses a captain for turbulent waters, you will be **preoccupied with** your own decisions.

(be) preoccupied with

Europe is too **preoccupied with** its own woes to give thrusting, emerging Asia the attention and respect it deserves.

(be) preoccupied with

These days Britain is **preoccupied with** gongs of a different sort.

(be) preoccupied with

Political leaders in China, Japan and India are **preoccupied with** all-important domestic economic-reform plans and cannot afford conflicts that are bad for business.

(be) preoccupied with

The British government is **preoccupied with** championing home ownership.

(be) preoccupied with

Instead of focusing on economic reform, Mr. Xi Jinping **appears preoccupied with** tightening his political grip.

to appear preoccupied with, (be) preoccupied with

Yet rather than accelerating market reforms, Xi Jinping **appears more preoccupied with** politics than economics.

to appear preoccupied with, (be) preoccupied with

(be) prepared for, (be) unprepared for

Investors are **prepared for** a lousy earnings season.

(be) prepared for

Despite such concerns, Germany's car industry **seems well prepared for** the rise of services and platforms.

to seem prepared for, (be) prepared for

The British prime minister, Theresa May said that the UK was **prepared for** a "hard Brexit" if she could not negotiate a reasonable agreement with the EU over Britain's departure.

(be) prepared for

We are well **prepared for** the demand but it is our customers who will decide the exact pattern of trading.

(be) prepared for

We are **prepared for** possible market turbulence.

(be) prepared for

The market would be far less **prepared for** Brexit outcome than for a Bremain.

(be) prepared for

Even when the risks are explained, patients are not always **prepared for** what life is like after surgery.

(be) prepared for

They will take risks on transformative technologies, and they are also **prepared for** the large capital required to scale up those technologies.

(be) prepared for

The robot planes will then return to a home base, where they will be **prepared for** a new mission by swapping in a new battery.

(be) prepared for

We are looking at all the options; we will be **prepared for** any outcome.

(be) prepared for

Few businesses are **prepared for** an ageing workforce who cannot retire because of financial pressures,

(be) prepared for

In other words, these are customers who wish to be **prepared for** all eventualities.

(be) prepared for

The central bank aims to telegraph its moves so the markets are **prepared for** shifts in monetary policy.

(be) prepared for

Overall, investors are **prepared for** a disappointing quarter for profit.

(be) prepared for

We feel we are not **prepared sufficiently for** this fourth industrial revolution which will come over us like a tsunami.

(be) prepared for

The Chinese government should be fully **prepared for** a hard-line Trump.”

(be) prepared for

Despite such concerns, Germany’s car industry **seems well prepared for** the rise of services and platforms.

to seem prepared for, (be) prepared for

We truly are under major siege, and we are **unprepared for it**.
(be) unprepared for

(be) related to

Coming nearly eight years after the crisis, the settlement is by far the largest the investment bank has reached **related to** its role in the meltdown.
(be) related to

Smart services do not have to be closely **related to** the principal use of the product.
(be) related to

It was unclear whether he lost \$916m out of his own pocket or whether it was **related to** property transactions or business operations he funded with bank loans.
(be) related to

This resignation does not **appear** to be directly **related to** the dismissal of the former CEO in May.
to appear related to, (be) related to

However, the fears this time around are **related to** the fundamental state of the world's economy.
(be) related to

If you have not been contacted but paid for a repair that you believe was **related to** this issue, please contact Apple.
(be) related to

We believe these arrests could be **related to** the Chinese government's wider focus on controlling capital outflows from the country.
(be) related to

That is partly **related to** transport costs: sending a parcel from Britain to France costs half as much as sending one to India.
(be) related to

However, the criminal and civil charges against Martin Shkreli are not **related to** drug pricing.
(be) related to

This redundancy is not exclusively **related to** the Shell-BG combination.
(be) related to

The drama and issue overnight is more **related to** oil prices not finding a floor.

(be) related to

In a fast-evolving industry, staying abreast of consumer trends – be they **related to** food or digital innovation – is vital.

(be) related to

(be) relaxed about

Central banks should be more **relaxed about** overshooting their inflation targets and more concerned about deflationary pressures.

(be) relaxed about

The government will be more **relaxed about** it if the carmaker can get the money itself.

(be) relaxed about

We feel so much more **relaxed about** being able to keep our home.

(be) relaxed about

Other ministers, such as the Brexit secretary, David Davis, are more relaxed about the issue.

(be) relaxed about

Until they get more clarity on how the proposed mechanism is actually going to work, investors are not going to be **relaxed about** buying bonds.

(be) relaxed about

Campaigners for Britain to leave the EU were expected to claim the unemployment figures showed employers were **relaxed about** a Brexit vote.

(be) relaxed about

For the moment, most Republicans either resist this notion or are **relaxed about it**.

(be) relaxed about

The Germany property group says it is **relaxed about** slower growth.

(be) relaxed about

The British firm's chief executive, Martin Sutherland, is relatively **relaxed about** the much-heralded death of cash.

(be) relaxed about

The city is **relaxed about** employment contracts and does not discriminate against outsiders.

(be) relaxed about

City economists were more **relaxed about** the unemployment figures.
(be) relaxed about

Free-traders may be **relaxed about** this but foreign ownership could become a political problem.
(be) relaxed about

The financial markets have been **relaxed about** the UK running a current account deficit of 7% of GDP.
(be) relaxed about

The justice secretary **appeared** equally **relaxed about** employment rights.
to appear relaxed about, (be) relaxed about

The Social Democrats' positioning coincides with a survey indicating that German business **remains relaxed about** negative consequences of Britain leaving the union.
to remain relaxed about, (be) relaxed about

(be) renowned for

Hong Kong is **renowned for** the peacefulness of its many protests.
(be) renowned for

(be) resigned to + V~ing

Most are **resigned to losing** the next election, whenever it happens.
(be) resigned to + V~ing (*losing*)

(be) restricted to

The exchange **remains restricted to** simple spot-trading.
to remain restricted to, (be) restricted to

(be) riddled with

In the 1990s, the neighborhood was **riddled with** gun crime, prompting the city's nickname of "Gunchester".
(be) riddled with

The industry is **riddled with** unplanned shutdown that raises costs.
(be) riddled with

The system is ruinously costly and **riddled with** corruption.
(be) riddled with

The defense sector has been **riddled with** allegations of corruption.
(be) riddled with

Regulations, however, are ineffective and **riddled with** loopholes.
(be) riddled with

The complaint is **riddled with** factual inaccuracies.
(be) riddled with

Lenders are **riddled with** bad loans and a huge clean-up effort has only just begun under the direction of the central bank.
(be) riddled with

(be) saddled with

Yet from the start, Washington Metro was **saddled with** two structural flaws.
(be) saddled with

It is painful to note that young people who managed to get to college are now **saddled with** increasing debt, a situation that has worsened in recent years.
(be) saddled with

If this mega merger goes through, AT&T will be **saddled with** more than \$350 billion in total liabilities.
(be) saddled with

If you are **saddled with** debt right now, erase the smallest debts first.
(be) saddled with

The \$10bn Green Climate Fund has been **saddled with** cumbersome board rules that mean it has backed the wrong sort of projects.
(be) saddled with

The retailer has been **saddled with** the deficit despite investors collecting more than £580m in dividends, rent and interest payments.
(be) saddled with

Too many borrowers seeking a short-term cash fix are **saddled with** loans they cannot afford and sink into long-term debt.
(be) saddled with

The company was **saddled with** debt and struggling with chronic losses.
(be) saddled with

One option is to avoid nations whose banking industries are **saddled with**

particular problems.
(be) saddled with

Were it not for Chinese banks extending vast amounts of credit with minimal safeguards, Sri Lanka would never have been **saddled with** these debts.
(be) saddled with

(be) satisfied with

Morning breakers were more likely to say they were **satisfied with** their jobs too.
(be) satisfied with

Investors would never be **satisfied with** just average returns.
(be) satisfied with

We are mostly **satisfied with** understanding about 10% of something before we grow bored and turn to the next thing.
(be) satisfied with

Watchdogs warned that they were not **satisfied with** Wells Fargo's living will.
(be) satisfied with

About 77% of people are **satisfied with** Duterte's performance.
(be) satisfied with

If referendums worked, Europeans ought to be **feeling** particularly **satisfied with** their democracies.
to feel satisfied with, (be) satisfied with

Sixty-six percent of PreCheck enrollees said they were **satisfied with** their subsequent flights.
(be) satisfied with

For that to happen, video lovers likely will be **satisfied with** what they are seeing.
(be) satisfied with

In light of the wide range of challenges we are currently facing, we are **satisfied with** the start we have made in 2016.
(be) satisfied with

We have worked closely with debt collecting firms, and are now **satisfied with** their progress.
(be) satisfied with

(be) scared of

They do not come out that strongly against something unless they are **scared of** what they are doing.

(be) scared of

(be) skilled at

NetJets is **skilled at** providing its rich clients with an entree into the cultural world of the super-rich.

(be) skilled at

The EU is **skilled at** brokering compromise on budgets.

(be) skilled at

(be) starved for

Preferred stocks are one asset class that can be a useful part of an investor's portfolio in an environment that is **starved for** income.

(be) starved for

Big long-term investors such as pension funds and insurance companies are absolutely **starved for** yield.

(be) starved for

(be) strapped for

Never has the administration been **strapped for** funds to deal with Ebola or Zika.

(be) strapped for

(be) stuffed with

The park is **stuffed with** traditional gardens and tea houses.

(be) stuffed with

Italy's banks are **stuffed with** non-performing loans.

(be) stuffed with

(be) subjected to

Men who escaped occupied villages complain of beatings in camps, where women and girls are **subjected to** systematic sexual violence.

(be) subjected to

(be) (better, well) suited to

High-value service-sector industries are much **better suited to** urban areas.

(be) better suited to

Grab, a Southeast Asian ride-hailing firm, still claims to have services that are **better suited to** Southeast Asians.

(be) better suited to

It may yet turn out that Trump is **better suited to** the politics of the moment.

(be) better suited to

Trump's leadership style is **better suited to** a banana republic than a constitutional one.

(be) better suited to

In another way, she is **well suited to** the task.

(be) well suited to

(be) surprised at

The company has been **surprised at** the Echo's popularity.

(be) surprised at

(be) terrified of

Savers refuse to become investors because they are **terrified of** the unknown.

(be) terrified of

Most Afghans are **terrified of** the Taliban, but trust in the government is low, too.

(be) terrified of

We are **terrified of** the invasion.

(be) terrified of

(be) thrilled at

Not everyone is **thrilled at** this prospect.

(be) thrilled at

After calling a board meeting on Wednesday to approve the revised deal, Mr. Gou issued a statement saying that he was **thrilled at** the prospect of working with Sharp.

(be) thrilled at

London may be Europe's commercial capital, but not all Britons are **thrilled at** that.

(be) thrilled at

(be) thrilled with

The great mass of people was **thrilled with** the peace.

(be) thrilled with

(be) tied to

Fortunes of consumer-facing companies are not **tied to** commodities.

(be) tied to

Many new donations are **tied to** more popular projects, such as air for poorer students and opening new buildings.

(be) tied to

British membership of the single market should be **tied to** both accepting free movement of people and recognizing the rulings of the European court of justice.

(be) tied to

Banks are **tied to** the economic health of the countries they operate in.

(be) tied to

Botswana has made some progress in diversifying its economy, about half of which was directly **tied to** mining in the early 2000s.

(be) tied to

Tesla's trajectory is closely **tied to** its factories that can simply make enough cars.

(be) tied to

Provisions for pay are **tied to** merit rather than seniority.

(be) tied to

The rates on savings accounts are not **tied to** the fed funds rate.

(be) tied to

It is also the first time the country's prime minister has been officially **tied to** the money-laundering scandal.

(be) tied to

For many years, Ivory Coast's economic fortunes were **tied to** agriculture.

(be) tied to

We strongly believe that executive remuneration should **remain tied to** performance.

to remain tied to, (be) tied to

(be) tight-lipped about, to remain tight-lipped about,

Secretive Apple keeps the dates of its product launches closely guarded and **remains tight-lipped about** its devices until they are unfurled onstage.

to remain tight-lipped about, (be) tight-lipped about

All the while, Apple **remains** noticeably **tight-lipped about** its progress in hot tech categories such as virtual reality, artificial intelligence and self-driving cars.

to remain tight-lipped about, (be) tight-lipped about

(be) tired of

Amazon is **tired of** having its hands tied and relying on other carriers to move its massive amount of volume.

(be) tired of

In fact, the Indian public is **tired of** endless brinkmanship with Pakistan and yearns for stronger, more effective government.

(be) tired of

Big brands were **tired of** seeing their products displayed in a “pile it high, sell it cheap” style.

(be) tired of

Law-abiding gun owners are **tired of** being blamed for the acts of madmen and terrorists.

(be) tired of

Voters have also **grown tired of** confusing and contradictory messages.

to grow tired of, (be) tired of

(be) used to + V-ing, (be) used to

We are **used to having** structure in our day; we get up, go to work, look forward to the weekends.

(be) used to + V-ing (*having*), (be) used to

Judges in Britain are not **used to being** pilloried.

(be) used to + V~ing (*being*), (be) used to

We all are **used to upgrading** our laptops and cellphones every few years to get new features.

(be) used to + V~ing (*upgrading*), (be) used to

A few of our old-time customers are **used to waiting**.

(be) used to + V~ing (*waiting*), (be) used to

We are more **used to being** spectators at national crises.

(be) used to + V~ing (*being*), (be) used to

Corporate-governance experts are **used to grappling** with excessive executive pay.

(be) used to + V~ing (*grappling*), (be) used to

Women in the public eye, especially politicians, are **used to brushing off** threats and horrendous personal comment.

(be) used to + V~ing (*brushing*), (be) used to

Emerging-market investors are **used to discounting** the failings of institutions, whether due to corruption, lack of independence, property rights and so on.

(be) used to + V~ing (*discounting*), (be) used to

Puerto Rico is **used to avoiding** its own rules.

(be) used to + V~ing (*avoiding*), (be) used to

Shoppers have **grown used to being** able to simply click and order an item online.

to grow used to V+~ing (*being*), (be) used to

Uber and Lyft have **become used to updating** their apps to reflect real-world conditions, especially at crowded events.

to become used to V+~ing (*updating*), (be) used to

People have **become used to seeing** the ocean-floor world as interestingly craggy.

to become used to + V~ing (*seeing*), (be) used to

Chinese cinema-goers are **used to** the government's tight grip on the film industry.

(be) used to

wedded to

They are not immersed in the day-to-day operations but are still **wedded to** our success.

(be) wedded to

(be) well-versed in

It helps that GoPro's investors are **well-versed in** the art of the tumble.

(be) well-versed in

(be) worried about

Not only Malaysians should be **worried about** rotten politics and a divisive prime minister.

(be) worried about

Indeed, there is a lot to be **worried about** these days.

(be) worried about

Americans should be more **worried about** competence than nepotism.

(be) worried about

Pre-election polls showed voters are **worried about** the influx, especially following terror attacks linked to migrants this summer.

(be) worried about

Young Arabs are most **worried about** their standard of living.

(be) worried about

It seems ironic that in the run-up to the global financial crisis we were **worried about** oil prices being too high in 2007 and 2008, and now we are **worried about** them being too low.

(be) worried about

Policymakers are still **worried about** weakness overseas and its effect on markets, as well as persistently low inflation.

(be) worried about

Bank lending officers are also **worried about** the prospect of a slowing economy.

(be) worried about

That is exactly the reason we should be **worried about** the longer-term economic impact of Brexit.

(be) worried about

Investors are **worried about** further drops in the value of the Chinese yuan, following news that Beijing's foreign exchange reserves fell another \$99.4 billion to \$3.2 trillion in January.

(be) worried about

We are **worried about** the situation and have advised our members to increase security.

(be) worried about

Europe is right to be **worried about** refugees and jobs - albeit for the wrong reasons.

(be) worried about

Consumers are happy to keep spending despite signs they are more **worried about** the economic outlook since the referendum.

(be) worried about

We are all **worried about** the potential for a disaster that will affect our livelihood and our food sources.

(be) worried about

They are also **worried about** the lack of clear post-Brexit plans for the UK government.

(be) worried about

Financial markets are more **worried about** the structural changes Trump plans for the US economy.

(be) worried about

Scotland is most **worried about** a vote to leave the EU in next week's referendum.

(be) worried about

US companies are also **worried about** the consequences of the UK losing access to a stream of skilled workers from other EU member states.

(be) worried about

Many are also **worried about** the possible end of reciprocal healthcare arrangements.

(be) worried about

It is no secret that the central bank is **worried about** the sharp drop in Malaysia's exchange rate.

(be) worried about

The gambit has both exhilarated and unnerved the people of Taiwan, who yearn for greater international recognition but have long been **worried about** being sacrificed as a pawn in a geopolitical chess game.

(be) worried about

People are **worried about** the costs of immigration and of EU membership.

(be) worried about

Part 2 for Adjective + Preposition:

(be) absent from

China will not be **absent from** international affairs.

(be) absent from

(be) accessible to

Increasingly, tech giants from Microsoft to Yahoo are focusing on **making** technology more **accessible to** everyone.

to make ... accessible to, (be) accessible to

Facebook is introducing the multilingual feature to **make** all posts **accessible to** their vast numbers of global users.

to make ... accessible to, (be) accessible to

The biggest change is to **make** adult learning routinely **accessible to** all.

to make ... accessible to, (be) accessible to

(be) accountable for

Research has shown that when employees **feel accountable for** their work, they are more likely to contribute to solving problems and achieving organizational goals.

to feel accountable for, (be) accountable for

(be) adept at

Criminal gangs are **adept at** hacking into e-mail accounts and sending instructions to bankers asking them to wire large sums.

(be) adept at

The fishing industry is **adept at** protecting its interests.

(be) adept at

Big tech firms are **adept at** handling data and selling services.

(be) adept at

Your investment manager is **adept at** all conditions.

(be) adept at

World leaders, celebrities and billionaires are **adept at** shielding their wealth from fair taxation.

(be) adept at

(be) affordable to

The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation has invested in technologies that can **make** goods and services **affordable to** the poor.

to make ... affordable to, (be) affordable to

Flood insurance must be available and **affordable to** those who need the coverage.

(be) affordable to

(be) afraid of

We should not be **afraid of** people saying the wrong things; we should be **afraid of** people not speaking at all.

(be) afraid of

(be) aggressive in

The institute will be **aggressive in** seeking philanthropic support for specific areas of reporting.

(be) aggressive in

Ireland is particularly **aggressive in** attracting foreign businesses and entrepreneurs.

(be) aggressive in

(be) akin to, (be) akin to + V~ing

The proposed national education for school children is **akin to** Communist Party brainwashing.

(be) akin to

The announcement will be **akin to** a doctor's decision that a patient is well enough to be gradually taken off medication.

(be) akin to

China takes long-term views and that diplomacy is **akin to** ‘check book’ diplomacy.
(be) akin to

Talking about death is taboo, and writing a will is **akin to putting** a curse on yourself.
(be) akin to + V~ing (*putting*)

Now more than ever, buying cannabis in the US is more **akin to buying** craft beer.
(be) akin to + V~ing (*buying*) (be) akin to

Scoring 30 points above that is roughly **akin to completing** an extra year of schooling.
(be) akin to + V~ing (*completing*), (be) akin to

(be) alert to

Engineering firms are **alert to** the risk that they risk losing profits to the digital firms that provide such services.
(be) alert to

With the continued rise in impersonation scams and data breaches it is vital that all customers are **alert to** the dangers.
(be) alert to

The public and media **become alert to** the program.
to become alert to, (b) alert to

(be) allergic to

Millennial generation (defined as adults aged 18 to 35) is more **allergic to** a party label than any other generation in memory.
(be) allergic to

The Fed Board Chair Janet Yellen has never been **allergic to** uncertainty.
(be) allergic to

Sex educators are **allergic to** anything that questions sexual appetites.
(be) allergic to

(be) analogous to

The situation is **analogous to** Apple’s refusal in 2016 to help FBI investors unlock a terrorist’s iPhone.

(be) analogous to

(be) angry about

Voters often said they were **angry about** Wall Street bailouts, disappointed in President Obama and wary of trusting Clinton.

(be) angry about

Young people are right to be **angry about** their financial insecurity.

(be) angry about

The public is really **angry about** the growing dominance of a small number of firms.

(be) angry about

to antagonistic to

Donald Trump contended with slashing remarks in which he insinuated Megyn Kelly was **antagonistic to** him in the debate because she was menstruating.

(be) antagonistic to

(be) appealing to

A big drop in the pound, to **make** British assets more **appealing to** foreign investors and imports less **appealing to** Britons, is a necessary adjustment.

to make ... appealing to, (be) appealing to

Even if VW can get its bloated costs under control, nobody yet knows for sure whether electric cars can be **made** more **appealing to** Europe drivers.

to make ... appealing to, (be) appealing to

Nothing in this exchange should **look appealing to** Democ5rats.

to look appealing to, (be) appealing to

The logic is that unbranded cigarettes are less **appealing to** the young who might otherwise see them as a statement of fashion.

(be) appealing to

Their products and services are particularly **appealing to** the nation's younger generation.

(be) appealing to

The high-tech industry is **appealing to** a global marketplace.

(be) appealing to

Its leanness and content quality have **made** Time Warner **appealing to** widely admired acquirers looking for scale to prosper in a mobile environment.
to make ... appealing to, (be) appealing to

The government has implemented new regulations to **make** the exchanges more **appealing to** insurers.
to make ... appealing to, (be) appealing to

(be) appreciative of

After all, the Greek people are always **appreciative of** those who care about them.

(be) appreciative of

(be) attractive to

Since the currency has fallen by half, Egypt is now much more **attractive to** foreign investors and even to tourists.

(be) attractive to

Third-party funding is particularly **attractive to** entrepreneurs looking to invest some of their wealth in speculative bets with potentially high returns.

(be) attractive to

Both airlines say this success is a result of **making** their flights more **attractive to** businesspeople.

to make ... attractive to, (be) attractive to

There are other obvious ways that the two airlines are **making** their schedules more **attractive to** businesspeople.

to make ... attractive to, (be) attractive to

Big dividends have **made** some stocks **attractive to** investors for years.

to make ... attractive to, (be) attractive to

A decline in rental demand could hit landlords' ability to pay their mortgages on buy-to-let properties if London **becomes** less **attractive to** foreign nationals.

to become attractive to, (be) attractive to

Chile has **become** more **attractive to** working immigrants elsewhere in South America because of its stronger economy.

to become attractive to, (be) attractive to

Moreover, Treasuries are **becoming** less attractive to non-US investors.

to become attractive to, (be) attractive to

On April 20, Lending Club said it would raise interest rates on loans to **make** them more **attractive to** investors.

to make ... attractive to, (be) attractive to

One consequence of negative rates is that they **make** a country's assets less **attractive to** investors.

to make ... attractive to, (be) attractive to

The eurozone's ultra-low interest rates have **made** it less **attractive to** would-be buyers.

to make ... attractive to, (be) attractive to

(be) attributable to

The jump in new loans is mostly **attributable to** banks front loading their full-year lending targets and the central bank's efforts to keep liquidity ample ahead of the week-long Lunar New Year holiday.

(be) attributable to

That is **attributable** in part **to** the country's efforts to fill up its strategic reserves of oil.

(be) attributable to

The congestion is **attributable to** a surge in oil imports from a group of privately owned refiners - dubbed "teapots" because of their small size compared with giant state-owned companies.

(be) attributable to

Much of the falloff is **attributable to** the struggling Chinese economy, still the second-largest market in the world for Apple products behind the US.

(be) attributable to

This is partly **attributable to** a lack of infrastructure.

(be) attributable to

(be) available to

By forging alliances among state lotteries, they are both now **available to** residents of 44 of America's 50 states.

(be) available to

The campaign will encourage employers to **make** more jobs **available to** people who want to work part-time.

to make ... available to, (be) available to

One clear message is that cash will be **available to** banks ahead of the Brexit vote.

(be) available to

Generic drugs are generally **available to** customers at cheaper prices than branded products.

(be) available to

Now goods and services that used to be confined to a handful of tycoons are **available to** the millionaire or pretend-millionaires next door, thanks to the magic of the sharing economy.

(be) available to

HSBC's deal has no fee and is **available to** borrowers with a deposit of 30%.

(be) available to

The information is **available to** the public at a small charge, and to businesses and other organizations.

(be) available to

We are looking at all manner of options that may or may not be **available to** us as a government.

(be) available to

Individual options are **available to** individuals who are not reliant on employer coverage.

(be) available to

The changes – which, if successful, may be **available to** a wide audience – resulted from many months of internal discussion about how to handle false news articles shared on the network.

(be) available to

While there is nothing illegal in using offshore structures, the financial advantages they provide are not generally **available to** ordinary taxpayers.

(be) available to

The new site will be **available to** all print subscribers.

(be) available to

More high-quality entertainment is **available to** more people on the planet than ever before.

(be) available to

It is still a very long shot, but in theory the opportunity is how **available to** everyone.

(be) available o

The program will also be **available to** other employees across its upstream and technology businesses.

(be) available to

Generic drugs are generally **available to** customers at cheaper prices than branded products because they can be manufactured by any company, not just the developer of the original drug.

(be) available to

Apple's most impressive product to date is not **available to** consumers

(be) available to

The standalone device will compete directly with Amazon's popular Echo and should be **available to** consumers later this year.

(be) available to

It plans to **make** the technology **available to** wireless communication researchers.

to make ... available to, (be) available to

(be) averse to + V-ing, (be) averse to

In a world marked by sluggish growth and low interest rates, investors could **become** more **averse to taking** risks.

to become averse to + V-ing (*taking*), (be) averse to

Others are **averse to prescribing** the pill to young women, believing that it will harm their physical development.

(be) averse to + V-ing (*prescribing*), (be) averse to

Donald Trump has been notoriously **averse to preparing** for the debates and has suffered two below-par performances.

(be) averse to + V-ing (*preparing*), (be) averse to

Officials have been **averse to roiling** markets when investors are not expecting a move.

(be) averse to + V-ing (*roiling*), (be) averse to

In truth, the technological sector is not **averse to borrowing** when it can.

(be) averse to + V-ing (*borrowing*), (be) averse to

(be) aware of

We are **aware of** some issues with customers using debit cards and are working

hard to fix them.

(be) aware of

The government is well **aware of** these difficulties.

(be) aware of

The Clinton team is **aware of** all this.

(be) aware of

While the results look promising, it is important for investors to be **aware of** high debt load.

(be) aware of

Credit unions offer outstanding service, competitive rates and low fees, but many are not **aware of** how convenient credit unions are.

(be) aware of

People already are **aware of** the hot buttons that could go wrong.

(be) aware of

We want people to be **aware of** the change for their planning purposes.

(be) aware of

In this generation, we are **aware of** what happens, but we are not willing to just stand by.

(be) aware of

The industry and the regulatory community, and the political community, are fully **aware of** the importance of maintaining financial stability.

(be) aware of

(be) awash in

The sobering reality of banking in 2016 is that lenders are **awash in** new regulations.

(be) awash in

Thanks to monetary stimulus and high savings rates, the world is **awash in** financial capital.

(be) awash in

(be) awash with

Saudi Arabia has also reiterated its intention not to cut oil production so the world will continue to be **awash with** oil as demand is also down.

(be) awash with

The country's banks are **awash with** bad debts.
(be) awash with

At the time, Europe was **awash with** migrants from war-torn Syria and other nations.
(be) awash with

Social media has been **awash with** threads about anxiety.
(be) awash with

Our prisons are **awash with** synthetic cannabis and prisoners are so out of their heads.
(be) awash with

Investors worry whether the UK is now **awash with** general-merchandise discount shops.
(be) awash with

But the world is **awash with** companies who thought their shares were cheap.
(be) awash with

(be) bad at

People are still astonishingly **bad at** picking secure passwords.
(be) bad at

What we have found since we started is we are **bad at** forecasting and end up out of stock.
(be) bad at

This adaptation, if that is what it is, is really good at protecting you from starving, but it is really **bad at** protecting you from overeating.
(be) bad at

(be) bad for

The current payday-loan industry is **bad for** Americans.
(be) bad for

What is good for Mr. Trump is **bad for** the Mexican peso.
(be) bad for

A concentration of too much power in too few hands is **bad for** democracy and **bad for** consumers.
(be) bad for

Unpredictable Donald Trump was supposed to be **bad for** stocks.
(be) bad for

Uncertainty is normally very **bad for** most developing countries.
(be) bad for

(be) beneficial to

Again, this not unique to real estate, but it is particularly **beneficial to** people in that line of work.

(be) beneficial to

What we want to do right now is work constructively with the administration to come up with a tax reform proposal that is **beneficial to** the US economy.

(be) beneficial to

(be) better at

They are **better at** gathering the data than they are at keeping them secure.

(be) better at

US agencies are now much **better at** connecting the dots and sharing information.

(be) better at

No one is **better at** creating space to take deep shots or at sending those shots into the net.

(be) better at

We are **getting better at** understanding what people say, but to act on it efficiently is no small matter.

to get better at, (be) better at

(be) better off

Americans, more than one-third of whom are obese, would be **better off** if they cut back on sugary drinks.

(be) better off

(be) blind to

Most people **remain blind to** the real-world damage such attacks could do.

to remain blind to, (be) blind to

(be) bullish about

Despite some global and national economic uncertainty, local entrepreneurs are **bullish about** their prospects.

(be) bullish about

(be) capable of

Some industries are simply more **capable of** paying dividends to investors.

(be) capable of

This creates some challenges when assessing whether they are **capable of** getting to the finish line on a complex cross-border deal.

(be) capable of

(be) careful about

That is why doctors should be very **careful about** the impact this will have on their status in the country.

(be) careful about

(be) cautious about

Investors are understandably **cautious about** IPOs since they have not performed all that well lately.

(be) cautious about

We are very eager to win those customers over and we are going to be very **cautious about** making changes.

(be) cautious about

The Fed has also **grown** more **cautious about** the longer-term outlook.
to grow cautious about, (be) cautious about

Some European countries are **cautious about** allowing Chinese investment in sensitive areas of the economy.

(be) cautious about

Federal Reserve Chair Janet Yellen said she would be **cautious about** future interest-rate hikes.

(be) cautious about

Analysts are **cautious about** the consequences of China diplomacy.

(be) cautious about

We need to be **cautious about** being overly optimistic about it.
(be) cautious about

Investors are so far more **cautious about** betting against China than at the start of 2016, when some built up big yuan short positions in the offshore market.
(be) cautious about

Some investors believe that since the rally in government bonds has run its course, there are reasons to be **cautious about** holding them.
(be) cautious about

Corporate executives are **cautious about** borrowing money because of the recent strong yen and the economic downturn.
(be) cautious about

In the light of uncertainty following the referendum, it would be **cautious about** purchasing new land.
(be) cautious about

However, Ms. Yellen **sounded** decidedly **cautious about** the merits of a “high pressure” strategy.
to sound cautious about, (be) cautious about

The sanctions' penumbra has **made** Western investors **cautious about** doing further business with targeted firms and individuals.
to make ... cautious about, (be) cautious about

(be) central to
Ethnicity is **central to** China’s national identity.
(be) central to

(be) certain about, (be) uncertain about
Businesses are likely to be deeply **uncertain about** their export markets and households about their financial future.
(be) uncertain about

(be) central to
These two organizations have been **central to** the rise of cloud computing.
(be) central to

(be) choosy about

Some cities are allowed to be **choosy about** what kind of people they focus on.
(be) choosy about

(be) close to, (be) close to + V~ing

The economy is in many ways **close to** normal.
(be) close to

The country's appetite for Bluefin tuna has sent stocks plummeting and sparked warnings that the species is **close to** commercial extinction.
(be) close to

Optimists can at least point to one trade pact that is **close to** completion.
(be) close to

This so-called short interest in the bank is **close to** a one-year high and represents around \$480 million.
(be) close to

The deal is tantalizingly **close to coming** into force.
(be) close to + V~ing (*coming*), (be) closed to

Theresa May's planned laws for countering extremism and terrorism are **close to being** shelved because the proposed legislation has failed to provide a clear definition of the problem it is intended to address.
(be) close to + V~ing (*being*), (be) closed to

According to reports, he is **close to achieving** the agreement of unions to make 1,000 job cuts.
(be) close to + V~ing (*achieving*), (be) close to

The Fed is obviously not even **close to being** independent.
(be) close to + V~ing (*being*), (be) close to

There are few signs, even now, that the government is **close to knowing** its own collective mind.
(be) close to + V~ing (*knowing*), (be) close to

Boeing Co. is **close to clinching** a large sale of widebody jetliners to Qatar Airways.
(be) close to + V~ing (*clinching*), (be) close to

Blackstone is **close to selling** a large part of its residential property portfolio in Japan to Anbang Insurance of China, in a \$2.3bn transaction that could come as early as the end of this week.
(be) close to + V~ing (*selling*), (be) close to

The emerging technology is not **close to challenging** traditional products.
(be) close to + V~ing (*challenging*), (be) close to

In recent weeks, supply and demand have appeared tantalizingly **close to balancing** each other.
(be) close to + V~ing (*balancing*), (be) close to

Volkswagen is said to be **close to announcing** a deal to compensate US owners of its scandal-afflicted diesel vehicles.
(be) close to + V~ing (*announcing*), (be) close to

Deutsche Bank was **close to settling** with US enforcers over mortgage-backed securities allegations.
(be) close to + V~ing (*settling*), (be) close to

The committee could discuss cuts at this meeting even if most members are not **close to voting** for such a move.
(be) close to + V~ing (*voting*), (be) close to

Everyone agrees that the ECB is **close to reaching** its limit.
(be) close to + V~ing (*reaching*), (be) close to

BHS is also **close to striking** a deal on its shop in Oxford Street in London.
(be) close to + V~ing (*striking*), (be) close to

The US stock market is **close to setting** new highs.
(be) close to + V~ing (*setting*), (be) close to

There are a lot of problems with this, and we are not **close to understanding** it all.
(be) close to + V~ing (*understanding*), (be) close to

Catalonia may have a new president, but the question of its independence is not **close to being** resolved.
(be) close to + V~ing (*being*), (be) close to

(be) comfortable with

Despite calls for protectionism, Britain **remains** strikingly **comfortable with** free trade.
to remain comfortable with, (be) comfortable with

The market has **become** too **comfortable with** its ‘things will work out all right’ approach.
to become comfortable with, (be) comfortable with

They just have to **get comfortable with** that over time.
to get comfortable with, (be) comfortable with

Stocks' recent gains are largely attributed to the market **getting** more **comfortable with** Trump's style and proposed policies.
to get comfortable with, (be) comfortable with

The British have never been **comfortable with** the idea of political union in Europe.
(be) comfortable with

Wall Street is most **comfortable with** a status quo government in which divided Congress will provide checks and balances to whatever party lands in the White House.
(be) comfortable with

Young people may also be more **comfortable with** a multicultural society than older voters.
(be) comfortable with

Indians who are **comfortable with** paperwork and banks simply are not big holders of gold.
(be) comfortable with

Investors and companies have begun to feel more **comfortable with** the uncertainty hanging over the British economy.
(be) comfortable with

If we are **comfortable with** the risk, we will give them support.
(be) comfortable with

(be) comparable to

Flats in Beijing, Shanghai and Shenzhen are now seen as **comparable to** those in London or New York.
(be) comparable to

(be) complacent about

The government insisted it was not **complacent about** the housing shortage facing Britain.
(be) complacent about

The Bank of England is too **complacent about** rising debt in households with stagnant incomes, but government dare not risk any slowdown in spending

(be) complacent about

Strategas Research warns the market is too **complacent about** the chances of rising yields.

(be) complacent about

It is also possible that the markets are too **complacent about** the risks to the credit market posed by the Fed.

(be) complacent about

(be) compliant with

Google has said it is fully **compliant with** French law while McDonald's decline to comment on the police search.

(be) compliant with

(be) conditional on

However, Fed chair Janet Yellen also warned that the economic outlook for the US is highly uncertain and **conditional on** the policy decisions of president-elect Trump.

(be) conditional on

(be) confident about

The survey found that businesses were less **confident about** prospects for the next six months, with UK and global demand seen as the biggest threats to their fortunes in 2016

(be) confident about

College-educated folk **feel confident about** their ability to cope with change. to feel confident about, (be) confident about

We are less **confident about** the future and we might hold off on purchases, business spending or other key decisions.

(be) confident about

Most company bosses **remain confident about** China's future. to remain confident about, (be) confident about

They are **confident about** the deal, despite turmoil in the UK.

(be) confident about

We are **confident about** many of the tech companies, both internet and hardware.

(be) confident about

(be) consistent with

We will continue to work in a way which is **consistent with** the recommendations.

(be) consistent with

Eventually the president will come to a reasonable position which is **consistent with** the Philippines' interests.

(be) consistent with

Those findings are **consistent with** previous polls on the topic.

(be) consistent with

China's currency devaluations are **consistent with** a broader trend among both emerging and advanced economies in recent years.

(be) consistent with

The data is **consistent with** figures reported in December.

(be) consistent with

The findings are **consistent with** current public health recommendations in the UK and elsewhere.

(be) consistent with

An audience-first mentality is job one and fully **consistent with** a commitment to quality journalism.

(be) consistent with

Theresa May's championing of arms exports to Turkey is **consistent with** a policy promoted by a succession of trade ministers.

(be) consistent with

If incoming data are **consistent with** labor market conditions, further gradual increases in the federal funds rate are likely to be appropriate.

(be) consistent with

We accept the report's findings, which are **consistent with** our own investigation.

(be) consistent with

(be) content with

They are not people who are **content with** the status quo.

(be) content with

Minimalists are **content with** a downsized travel experience.
(be) content with

(be) contingent on

The financing is **contingent on** approval for the liquidation sales.
(be) contingent on

Some of the payment will be in Ctrip shares that can rise or fall in value while some is **contingent on** performance.
(be) contingent on

(be) crucial to + V~ing, (be) crucial to

Security workers say it is **crucial to staying** one step ahead of the bad guys and necessary for a healthy security system.
(be) crucial to + V~ing (*staying*), (be) crucial to

Advertising has always been **crucial to supporting** the journalism of *The Guardian*.
(be) crucial to + V~ing (*supporting*), (be) crucial to

(be) cynical about

The public is **cynical about** elected officials.
(be) cynical about

It is easy to be **cynical about** school-test results, particularly when you are grading the performance of something as complex as a country's education system.
(be) cynical about

(be) damaging to

As it is common knowledge that cigarette smoking is a life-damaging addiction, it is unclear if marijuana smoking is equally **damaging to** our precious set of lungs.
(be) damaging to

The fine and ruling is hugely **damaging to** the reputation of the modeling agencies and their industry.
(be) damaging to

We believe such practices are **damaging to** consumers and potentially violate our existing consumer protection laws.

(be) damaging to

The hacks are more **damaging to** the ecosystem than individual companies.

(be) damaging to

Most **damaging to** the government are the constant disputes between the two parties.

(be) damaging to

More effective policy should specifically target work that is dangerous or **damaging to** children.

(be) damaging to

(be) deaf to

Chinese authorities are not entirely **deaf to** their complaints.

(be) deaf to

(be) dependent on

It limits the danger of having the economy **become** too **dependent on** the central bank.

to become dependent on, (be) dependent on

The lack of nuclear power **leaves** Japan heavily **dependent on** imported energy.

to leave ... dependent on, (be) dependent on

The UK's shaky finances **leave** it **dependent on** foreign capital that would dry up after a Brexit.

to leave ... dependent on, (be) dependent on

It is true that the UK economy is less **dependent on** manufacturing than it was in the past.

(be) dependent on

The surge in party membership means it is now far less **dependent on** union cash.

(be) dependent on

Saudi Arabia may be more **dependent on** data pipelines than oil ones in the future.

(be) dependent on

Your own success is completely **dependent on** how you want to deliver it.
(be) dependent on

In Germany, banks are more **dependent on** interest income than in most other European countries.
(be) dependent on

However, growth has been entirely **dependent on** the services sector.
(be) dependent on

Our customers' business interests are heavily **dependent on** the oil and gas industry.
(be) dependent on

Any learning at that age is **dependent on** interacting with other humans.
(be) dependent on

With revenue from payments, virtual goods and gaming, Chinese internet firms are also much less **dependent on** online ads than Western rivals.
(be) dependent on

Dependent on growth, tech giants cannot afford to overlook large swaths of the population.
(be) dependent on

The government has **become** more efficient and more transparent, and less **dependent on** government officials.
to become dependent on, (be) dependent on

Mexico cannot help but be critically **dependent on** its neighbor's economy.
(be) dependent on

Fighting climate change has never been primarily **dependent on** Washington.
(be) dependent on

Beijing's effort to revive ancient trade routes is causing geopolitical strains, with countries like Turkey increasingly worried about **becoming** too **dependent on** China.
to become dependent on, (be) dependent on

The economy is highly **dependent on** commodities, especially coffee and rice, as well as on foreign investors.
(be) dependent on

The effect will **make** the economy less **dependent on** consumers and more

reliant on producers.

to make ... dependent on, (be) dependent on

All had seen their current-account deficits shrink in the past three years, **making** them less **dependent on** foreign inflows of capital.

to make ... dependent on, (be) dependent on

Traditional house builders build homes for sale and are more **dependent on** the economic cycle.

(be) dependent on

Jared Kushner, Trump's son-in-law and newly named senior adviser, is heavily **dependent on** shadowy Chinese and Russian financiers closely linked to their governments.

(be) dependent on

All five countries had seen their current-account deficits shrink in the past three years, **making** them less **dependent on** foreign inflows of capital.

to make ... dependent on, (be) dependent on

With enough steady income, you are less **dependent on** portfolio withdrawals and you can still afford to take risk in your portfolio and still sleep well at night.

(be) dependent on

Hotels and other key parts of the tourist sector are heavily **dependent on** UK visitors.

(be) dependent on

This collapse may take place more rapidly because today's economy is **dependent on** international supply chains, electricity, and liquid fuels—things.

(be) dependent on

Vietnam is economically **dependent on** its northern neighbor, with which it has a big and growing deficit.

(be) dependent on

Our economy is completely **dependent on** Gibraltar.

(be) dependent on

Others are worried that Taiwan is already too **dependent on** the Chinese economy and thus vulnerable to pressure from Beijing.

(be) dependent on

(be) desperate for

Lenders around the world were facing an indefinite period of zero interest rates and were **desperate for** better yield.

(be) desperate for

Now industrial firms are **desperate for** the European Commission to be more aggressive.

(be) desperate for

People are so **desperate for** income, and as long as the stock holds its value, they are not looking for appreciation.

(be) desperate for

(be) destructive to

HFCs (hydrofluorocarbons) are thousands of times more **destructive to** the climate than carbon dioxide.

(be) destructive to

Mr. Trump threatens changes that, with almost no exception, are genuinely **destructive to** American values and interests not least to the interests of many of those white working-class voters who voted for him in the hope of change.

(be) destructive to

(be) detrimental to

This will be **detrimental to** the outlook for sterling given the global status that the UK has enjoyed for many years.

(be) detrimental

(be) different from

The investment landscape going forward will be very **different from** what we have seen over the course of our careers.

(be) different from

The capabilities that will drive tomorrow's growth and success will be very **different from** those of today.

(be) different from

If we learn anything, we learn it from people who are **different from** us.

(be) different from

The pink gang's attitude is **different from** the broader nationalism in Chinese society.

(be) different from

The federal Transportation Security Administration's objective is totally **different from** the objective of airlines and airports.
(be) different from

Making a gift of inside information to a relative is little **different from** trading on the information and obtaining the profits.
(be) different from

It is quite **different from** Chinese parents giving their children names and also is **different from** foreigners taking Chinese names.
(be) different from

Yet the new downtown headquarters are very **different from** the old ones.
(be) different from

The profile is completely **different from** what most families can handle.
(be) different from

Our customers live in worlds that are very **different from** each other.
(be) different from

Like many things in Hollywood, fiction is **different from** fact.
(be) different from

Yet Britain's streets are often quite **different from** those of America.
(be) different from

Chinese design tastes are **different from** ours.
(be) different from

In the post-crisis world, running a retail bank is not that **different from** running a utility.
(be) different from

Amazon understands fashion is **different from** its core business.
(be) different from

China, however, is **different from** Japan in a number of ways.
(be) different from

Today's trade agreements are very **different from** NATFA or other deals which have brought down tariffs.
(be) different from

For these young people, armed with smartphones, shopping is likely to be very **different from** what it was for their parents.

(be) different from

Young people are voting in ways that are markedly **different from** their elders.

(be) different from

Opting out of the euro is quite **different from** opting out of the EU, which would seriously damage the UK economy.

(be) different from

China, however, is **different from** Japan in a number of ways.

(be) different from

(be) distinct from

Populism, isolationism and nativism are **distinct from** racism.

(be) distinct from

(be) disastrous for

Cash deficits are not necessarily **disastrous for** fast-growing companies that are building assets.

(be) disastrous for

(be) downbeat about

The Paris-based organization is concerned about the weakness of the eurozone economy and has **become** increasingly **downbeat about** the prospects for the global economy.

to become downbeat about, (be) downbeat about

Demand from both at home and abroad is still weak and investors are **downbeat about** China's economic outlook.

(be) downbeat about

(be) effective in

These days the government is much more **effective in** enforcing regulations.

(be) effective in

(be) efficient at

British and Irish courts are also pretty **efficient at** dealing with claims on collateral.

(be) efficient at

(be) eligible for

Those who scored highest were **eligible for** rewards such as fast-track promotion at work or jumping the queue for public housing.

(be) eligible for

Credit reports and scores can determine the terms of people's mortgages, whether they qualify for auto loans or if they are **eligible for** different credit cards.

(be) eligible for

The FARC guerrillas have insisted that leaders guilty of war crimes be **eligible for** election to congress and as mayors.

(be) eligible for

Furthermore, being **eligible for** overtime is not the same as earning overtime.

(be) eligible for

People living in the UK for more than five years may not be **eligible for** permanent residency.

(be) eligible for

Employees who work 20 hours a week or more are **eligible for** health care coverage, and the changes apply to both store and corporate employees.

(be) eligible for

By the end of the year, borrowers with mortgages will be **eligible for** free credit scores.

(be) eligible for

Employees with at least two years of service will also now be **eligible for** the amount of stock award in the company.

(be) eligible for

It could hamper efforts to attract those who remain uninsured and are not **eligible for** much or any financial assistance.

(be) eligible for

It is **eligible for** a mail-in rebate store credit, but you should look elsewhere for better straight-up discounts.”

(be) eligible for

Some taxpayers are **eligible for** additional extensions.

(be) eligible for

More than 5 million people who are uninsured are **eligible for** tax credits to help pay their premiums.
(be) eligible for

Military members in combat zones generally are **eligible for** extensions up to 180 days after their last day in combat zone.
(be) eligible for

(be) enthusiastic about

Investors were **enthusiastic about** equities but negative on government bonds.
(be) enthusiastic about

Such exchanges are different from other transactions, in that both parties must be **enthusiastic about** the match for it to happen.
(be) enthusiastic about

They are trying to **sound enthusiastic about** the idea of introducing competition to the household water market.
to sound enthusiastic about, (be) enthusiastic about

Angela Merkel has never been **enthusiastic about** Turkey's hopes of EU integration.
(be) enthusiastic about

Banking experts were not **enthusiastic about** the idea of his continuing that line of argument.
(be) enthusiastic about

Only 45% of the Democratic nominee's supporters say they are **enthusiastic about** voting for her, down from 52% last week.
(be) enthusiastic about

In contrast, 53% of Trump supporter say they are very **enthusiastic about** their nominee – up 4 percentage point from a week ago.
(be) enthusiastic about

In his second term, Mr. Obama has **become enthusiastic about** the gains from closer ties with Latin America.
to become enthusiastic about, (be) enthusiastic about

(be) equal to

In the Philippines, remittances are **equal to** 10% of its GDP.
(be) equal to

Thomas Cook's German revenue was almost **equal to** its UK sales last year.
(be) equal to

That is roughly **equal to** its entire stock of foreign-currency reserves (worth less than \$98bn at the end of November).
(be) equal to

(be) equivalent to, (be) equivalent to + V~ing

The IMF estimates that China's corporate debt is **equivalent to** 145% of gross domestic product, which it describes as high by any measure.
(be) equivalent to

Rolls will pay a total of £671m, which is roughly **equivalent to** its entire expected profits for 2016.
(be) equivalent to

Toyota is **equivalent to** Japan as a whole, so Mr. Trump's criticism could be interpreted as a message to the Japanese government.
(be) equivalent to

Amid the financial flux of the 21st century, however, driving an economy by unduly rigid rules is not **equivalent to sticking** to the road.
(be) equivalent to + V~ing (*sticking*), (be) equivalent to

(be) essential to, (be) essential to + V~ing

Cross-border collaboration is **essential to** effective tackling of the evils facing the public.
(be) essential to

If capturing new clients is **essential to** success in microlending, creating new loan products is not.
(be) essential to

Actively managing our portfolio of assets is **essential to maintaining** a healthy business.
(be) essential to + V~ing (*maintaining*), (be) essential to

(be) exclusive to

The problem is not **exclusive to** Nordstrom, but its return policy makes the company an easy target for scammers.
(be) exclusive to

(be) exempt from

Some banks are **exempt from** certain rules on diverse mortgage lending.

(be) exempt from

Online firms have been **exempt from** regulations that apply to offline firms.

(be) exempt from

In North Dakota, motorists who run into demonstrators on public streets would be **exempt from** prosecution as long as the motorist did not purposely hit the victim.

(be) exempt from

Even after introduction of on-road nitrogen oxide emissions testing, carmakers will still be **exempt** for several years **from** meeting the official limits.

(be) exempt from

Regardless of their nationalities, passengers at British airports who are flying to destinations outside the European Union are **exempt from** paying the valued-added tax, which can reach 20 percent.

(be) exempt from

The world's poorest countries are already **exempt from** patent protection rules until 2033 under a TWO agreement.

(be) exempt from

The president and vice-presidents are **exempt from** laws stopping members of the executive from directly owning firms.

(be) exempt from

Presidents and vice presidents are **exempt from** most ethics laws that affect other elected and appointed government officials.

(be) exempt from

They are **exempt from** caps on holdings of private and corporate debt.

(be) exempt from

(be) explicit about

Francois Hollande, the French president, has been **explicit about** the real motive for imposing territorial restrictions on euro clearing.

(be) explicit about

Beijing has not been **explicit about** economic retaliation but companies are already feeling the pinch.

(be) explicit about

(be) familiar to

The tactics would be **familiar to** the average mobile phone customers: Price cuts and promises of features.

(be) familiar to

(be) familiar with

Even though younger users are typically more **familiar with** these sites, they are not the only ones using them.

(be) familiar with

Even if you follow the rules, however, be prepared to run into some baristas who are not **familiar with** the policy.

(be) familiar with

We can work with European partners who are not **familiar with** the Iraqi market and are worried about security there.

(be) familiar with

Those choices are going to be very **familiar to** some people.

(be) familiar with

(be) famous for

Warren Buffett, 85, is **famous for** saying investors should strive to be fearful when others are greedy and greedy when others are fearful.

(be) famous for

Amazon is **famous for** experimenting with a lot of different ideas and aggressively investing in the ones that see traction

The German chain, Aldi, **famous for** its no frills and low prices, is in the midst of a boom.

(be) famous for

Poundland used to be **famous for** the rate it brought new items to the market.

(be) famous for

The German chain, **famous for** its no frills and low prices, is in the midst of a boom.

(be) famous for

Americans are **famous for** working hard.

(be) famous for

(be) far from

It is also **far from** clear whether the deal, if it is indeed agreed upon, can be implemented.

(be) far from

The east-west split is **far from** clear cut.

(be) far from

They are **far from** being alone.

(be) far from

The two firms are **far from** being equals.

(be) far from

Nestle is **far from** a crisis this time.

(be) far from

What happens now is **far from** clear.

(be) far from

This is an expensive battle in which the ultimate winners are still **far from** clear.

(be) far from

This report says the most promising of these technologies are still **far from** ready.

(be) farm from

Staff reductions at some of the world's biggest banks are **far from** over.

(be) far from

Returns from these stocks are **far from** guaranteed.

(be) far from

The actual forecasts are **far from** horrible.

(be) far from

This strategy is **far from** perfect.

(be) far from

Unfortunately, this task is **far from** straightforward.

(be) far from

What happens now is **far from** clear.

(be) far from

(be) favorable to

The report argues that the laws are **favorable to** labor unions.

(be) favorable to

It is hard to see conditions **becoming** much more **favorable to** Chinese trade than they already are.

to become ... favorable to, (be) favorable to

(be) fearful of

UK firms are **fearful of** a “cliff edge” situation, where trading conditions would suddenly change when Britain’s two-year Brexit negotiating period comes to an end.

(be) fearful of

Fearful of how the new role will fit in with childcare arrangements, the woman turns down the promotion.

(be) fearful of

(be) flush with

European social democracy is not **flush with** fresh thinkers right now.

(be) flush with

Its steel and telecoms arms are laboring under hefty debts even as other Tata companies are **flush with** cash.

(be) flush with

Automakers are **flush with** cash from record-high sales of new vehicles.

(be) flush with

Banks are **flush with** deposits, and margins have been squeezed by low interest rates.

(be) flush with

Chinese insurance companies are **flush with** cash and looking to diversify their portfolios before the country’s ageing population starts claiming on their policies.

(be) flush with

(be) fond of

The Chinese are **fond of** their proverbs and they have a good saying.

(be) fond of

(be) fraught with

The history of economic development in regions of the world has really been **fraught with** a mass of mistakes

(be) fraught with

All these steps are **fraught with** difficulty.

(be) fraught with

No administration in history has been as **fraught with** financial conflicts of interest as the incoming Trump administration.

(be) fraught with

Either of these courses would be **fraught with** danger.

(be) fraught with

(be) free of

The government has an obligation to ensure that their hiring practices and policies are **free of** all forms of discrimination.

(be) free of

Unlike the previous government, Modi's administration has been **free of** major scandals.

(be) free of

(be) gloomy about

In private, veteran European civil servants say they are **gloomy about** the state of the EU.

(be) gloomy about

Those who are **gloomy about** the climate still expect America to ignore or withdraw from the Paris agreement.

(be) gloomy about

In January, almost two-thirds of global fund managers were **gloomy about** the outlook for government bonds.

(be) gloomy about

(be) good at

This adaptation, if that is what it is, is really **good at** protecting you from starving, but it is really bad at protecting you from overeating.

(be) good at

The problem is that they are not very **good at** it.

(be) good at

Cyber-criminals have **become** very **good at** covering their tracks.

to become good at, (be) good at

Computers also happen to have **become** supremely **good at** storing information.

to become good at, (be) good at

Fortunately for him, lawyers are **good at** presenting either side of an argument.

(be) good at

We think we are pretty **good at** getting things done.

(be) good at

Economists are **good at** reducing a complicated world to a few assumptions.

(be) good at

On the other hand, July 4th is our annual reminder that America is very **good at** constant revolution.

(be) good at

Tycoons are **good at** making money from the businesses they own even when no profits are forthcoming.

(be) good at

(be) good for

That transition is going to be **good for** China and is going to be **good for** the world.

(be) good for

Splitting the chief executive and chairman roles can be **good for** returns.

(be) good for

Whether the tactic is **good for** the country is another matter.

(be) good for

What was **good for** Germany was **good for** its neighbors.

(be) good for

While at present the news is **good for** the markets, it is much more difficult to say how this will play out in the long term.

(be) good for

Those things are typically not **good for** stocks over the long term.

(be) good for

What is **good for** Mr. Trump is bad for the Mexican peso.

(be) good for

An open contest and uncertain outcome are **good for** the media.

(be) good for

We believe diversity is **good for** our people and our business.

(be) good for

(be) grateful for

As a newspaper reader or a subscriber, we are very **grateful for** your support.

(be) grateful for

The management says it has not faced major hurdles and is **grateful for** government support.

(be) grateful for

(be) guilty of

For years they have been **guilty of** not being receptive to people's genuine fears.

(be) guilty of

(be) gungho about

CEOs are not **gungho about** the US economy's near-term chances of breaking free from its slow-growth malaise.

(be) gungho about

(be) happy with, (be) unhappy with

Most were **happy with** the arrangement at first.

(be) happy with

Certainly their shareholders will not now be **happy with** the terms of the original deal.

(be) happy with

That does not mean customers are **unhappy with** their service.

(be) unhappy with

(be) hard on

The past six months have been **hard on** the reputations of China's economic managers.

(be) hard on

(be) hazardous to

We do not run cigarette ads because they are **hazardous to** our health.

(be) hazardous to

(be) heavy on

In America and Britain training has been **heavy on** theory and light on classroom practice.

(be) heavy on

These kids grew up in controlled chaos: **heavy on** conflict, light on manners and indifferent to standards of appropriate behavior.

(be) heavy on

(be) hesitant about

Families in other developing countries are more **hesitant about** handing granny over to the strangers.

(be) hesitant about

(be) home to

Travel is **home to** at least two types of fakers.

(be) home to

Britain and the US are also **home to** the world's two leading financial markets, New York and London.

(be) home to

(be) honest about

It is sometimes difficult for those in charge to admit that there are problems but it is vital that we are now **honest about** the difficulties that the NHS and social care are facing.

(be) honest about

(be) hostile to

The young are more **hostile to** refugees than their parents.

(be) hostile to

Big platform companies such as Facebook and Google have been openly **hostile to** Mr. Trump.

(be) hostile to

Others are more openly **hostile to** the incoming president.

(be) hostile to

(be) hungry for

Some cities are **hungry for** new sources of revenue while seeking to combat the perceived health risk posed by too much sugar in Americans' diets.

(be) hungry for

Because global investors are **hungry for** safe assets, any bonds with an American guarantee are snapped up, adding to the incentive to borrow.

(be) hungry for

As long as interest rates remain low and investors are **hungry for** yield, they can probably justify a splurge in west Texas.

(be) hungry for

Technological change may mean that startups are less capital-intensive, and so are less **hungry for** money.

(be) hungry for

Voters are **hungry for** politicians with clear values.

(be) hungry for

Hungry for profits in a slowing economy, plenty of Chinese banks have mis-categorized risky loans as investments to dodge scrutiny and lessen capital requirements.

(be) hungry for

(be) immune from

Similarly, nobody suggests East Asians are **immune from** guilt.

(be) immune from

The UK will not be **immune from** any slowdown in the global economy that might result from a Trump victory.

(be) immune from

It illustrates that no one is **immune from** the collapse in oil prices over the last 18 months.

(be) immune from

With one in 14 people in England now on a waiting list, we are getting to the point where no family is **immune from** the growing pressures facing our health service.

(be) immune from

(be) immune to

Young women are not **immune to** the effects of growing up in a culture rife with this content.

(be) immune to

Yet the business is nearly always **immune to** policing and almost never results in a conviction.

(be) immune to

While stock declines dent consumer confidence, consumption has been largely **immune to** sharp market gyrations.

(be) immune to

Both locations are relatively **immune to** Japan's ageing demographics.

(be) immune to

Security officials in Pakistan used to insist the country was **immune to** the threat of Islamic State (IS).

(be) immune to

Such assets are also relatively **immune to** inflation, should the Bank of Japan ever succeed in overcoming deflationary pressures.

(be) immune to

Nestle is not **immune to** such pressures.

(be) immune to

Recent months have shown that these P2P firms, also called marketplace lenders, are not **immune to** the burdens that weigh down their conventional rivals.

(be) immune to

(be) important to

Dates are **important to** a person who knows he is dying of cancer.

(be) important to

Overseas students are **important to** the culture of university campuses and critical to their finances.

(be) important to

Europe is not that **important to** the US banks.

(be) important to

Foreign journalists in China are **important to** businesspeople.

(be) important to

Everyone seems to agree that online auctions are **important to** the art world's future.

(be) important to

Fish and shellfish that humans rely on for food and that are **important to** the economy are on a list of Northeastern marine species considered most vulnerable to climate change

(be) important to

(be) indifferent to

Over the last 40 to 50 years, anti-trust law has evolved to be almost completely **indifferent to** vertical mergers.

(be) indifferent to

(be) invisible to

Methane is **invisible to** the naked eye and does not make for good television.

(be) invisible to

(be) jittery about

The company says suppliers **got jittery about** extending credit.

to get jittery about, (be) jittery about

Some analysts and investors are **jittery about** the path for cash flows to keep rising through the end of the decade to pay for buybacks and research and development.

(be) jittery about

(be) keen on

Public-health experts are also **keen on** the new approach.

(be) keen on

(be) knowledgeable about

The former Secretary of Defense is deeply **knowledgeable about** the international scene and geopolitics.

(be) knowledgeable about

(be) known for

Beijing is **known for** its smog and occasional sandstorms.

(be) known for

These are not exactly **known for** their Warren Buffett-like stockpicking acumen.

(be) known for

Dongguan, a southern Chinese city near Hong Kong, is better **known for** cranking out cheap trinket than for producing high-end equipment of any kind.

(be) known for

Rio de Janeiro is better **known for** bikinis than fire and brimstone.

(be) known for

The company is **known for** taking high-risk stakes in distressed companies or businesses embroiled in litigation.

(be) known for

British Airways is **known for** charging extra for seat assignments.

(be) known for

London-based BAT is best **known for** its Lucky Strike and Dunhill tobacco brands.

(be) known for

Theresa May is also **known for** her style, especially her leopard-print shoes.

(be) known for

(be) lenient with

The government has been too **lenient with** executives responsible for corporate crime.

(be) lenient with

(be) liable for

If you take out a mortgage loan, only those whose names are listed on the loan will be **liable for** any missed payments,

(be) liable for

In Minnesota, demonstrators who break the law would be **liable for** the cost of law enforcement.

(be) liable for

While the PSR (Payments Systems Regulator) will not **make** banks **liable for** losses, it said it would keep monitoring the situation.

to make ... liable for, (be) liable for

Consumer group says Payment Systems Regulator's investigation has let banks off the hook by not **making** them **liable for** losses from bank transfer scams.

to make ... liable for, (be) liable for

The letter points out that under the new system the employees would be **liable for** lower national insurance payments, helping to boost their take-home pay.

(be) liable for

Under corporate criminal law, Wells Fargo is strictly **liable for** the criminal behavior of its employers acting within the scope of its business.

(be) liable for

If you are **liable for** the debt, you may want to negotiate a payment plan with the collector to avoid adverse actions.

(be) liable for

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(be) liable for

Thousands of British home owners who have property abroad could be **liable for** the new stamp duty surcharge under Treasury rules about second homes.

(be) liable for

(be) light on

Some caution against drawing too many policy conclusions from Mr. Trump's campaign because it is **light on** specifics and far more focused on personality.

(be) light on

Soda taxes are heavy on intrusion and **light on** impact.

(be) light on

Though it pointed in the right direction, the long-awaited plan is worryingly **light on** detail.

(be) light on

In America and Britain training has been heavy on theory and **light on** classroom practice.

(be) light on

These kids grew up in controlled chaos: heavy on conflict, **light on** manners and indifferent to standards of appropriate behavior.

(be) light on

(be) long on

The treatise is **long on** exciting visions of the future and short on financial details.

(be) long on

(be) loyal to

Cigarette customers are **loyal to** their brands.

(be) loyal to

Part of the reason shoppers are so **loyal to** Nordstrom is the company's liberal return policy.

(be) loyal to

(be) mad at

People are **mad at** Amazon over how it handled Nintendo's \$99 3DS Black Friday sale.

(be) mad at

(be) meticulous about

Pilot Flying is also **meticulous about** the cleanliness of the stops' showers, which encourages truckers to stay loyal.
(be) meticulous about

(be) near to + V~ing, (be) near to

Iran was very **near to completing** the removal of some 14,000 uranium-enrichment centrifuges.

(be) near to + V~ing (*completing*), (be) near to

(be) negligent in

Many netizens have accused the authorities of being **negligent in** their handling of the recent scandal.

(be) negligent in

(be) nervous about

Food and staples sellers have been the massive stock winners since Black Friday by far as investors **get** more **nervous about** the economy.

to get nervous about, (be) nervous about

It is not unreasonable for investors to be **nervous about** Deutsche Bank.

(be) nervous about

Investors are also **nervous about** the confusing signals coming from China's monetary policies in advance of its five-year plan.

(be) nervous about

Central American leaders, **nervous about** the incoming Trump administration, are eager to attract more Chinese investment into their under-developed economies.

(be) nervous about

In the wake of the Brexit and Trump votes last year, some investors will be **nervous about** another surprise.

(be) nervous about

People are also quite **nervous about** the Chinese economic outlook.

(be) nervous about

There is always a reason to be **nervous about** the state of the economy and the markets.

(be) nervous about

Employees are **nervous about** the referendum result and deferring both hiring and spending as a result.

(be) nervous about

However, consumers **remain nervous about** the future.

to remain nervous about, (be) nervous about

(be) notorious for

North Korea is **notorious for** keeping a close eye on its athletes during international competition.

(be) notorious for

Investors love to complain about hedge funds, which have delivered measly returns for the past several years and are **notorious for** their high fees.

(be) notorious for

Some city apartment complexes are **notorious for** housing clusters of mistresses, paid for by their lovers, who often provide a living allowance too.

(be) notorious for

This would be fine if the investments were productive, but provinces in the west are **notorious for** waste.

(be) notorious for

The site is both famous and **notorious for** publishing whatever it decides the public ought to see.

(be) notorious for

After four months as president of the Philippines, Rodrigo Duterte has become **notorious for** erratic and attention-grabbing statements.

(be) notorious for

(be) obvious to

The advantages of cooperation are less **obvious to** countries isolated from the direct consequences of regional unrest, such as Australia and Japan.

(be) obvious to

That should be **obvious to** anyone who has been paying attention to Fed policy for the past decade.

(be) obvious to

The severity of poverty problem is **obvious to** any visitor to San Francisco's downtown.

(be) obvious to

(be) oblivious to

Americans are not **oblivious to** these factors.

(be) oblivious to

(be) opaque about

The Department for Education is **opaque about** the amount set aside for its reform program.

(be) opaque about

(be) open about

EU countries have already agreed to be more **open about** their tax rulings.

(be) open about

America is more **open about** its intelligence services than any other country.

(be) open about

Mr. Trump was **open about** his plans, telling The Economist in interviews that he planned to appeal to a “silent majority” of hard-working, great people in the US that have been disenfranchised.

(be) open about

Donors have **become** far more **open about** where their aid goes and how it is spent.

to become open about, (be) open about

(be) open to, (be) open to + V~ing

World leaders are under pressure to reform a system that is **open to** abuse.

(be) open to

President-elect Donald Trump says he is **open to** lifting sanctions against Russia and is not committed to a long-standing agreement with China over Taiwan.

(be) open to

The president-elect is **open to** lifting sanctions on Russia if Moscow cooperates on issues of mutual interest.

(be) open to

More than 770,000 high earners now work part-time, according to a report that shows how employers are **becoming** more **open to using** job shares in senior

roles

to become open to + V~ing (*using*), (be) open to

We are **open to** the conversation and anyone putting new evidence around advertising gambling.

(be) open to

London is **open to** talent, innovation and entrepreneurship from all four corners of the world.

(be) open to

Since the early 1990s, the government has been very **open to** international trade and investment.

(be) open to

This may suggest that the UK prime minister is **open to** compromises.

(be) open to

While the vast majority of service providers do the right thing, the door is **open to** potentially unscrupulous operators.

(be) open to

To understand the trilemma, imagine a country that fixes its exchange rate against the US dollar and is also **open to** foreign capital.

(be) open to

Yahoo's board would also be **open to** strategic proposals from outside parties, including the possibility of a merger or sale of part of the company.

(be) open to

The Fed's rate-setters are **becoming** more **open to** this possibility.

to become open to, (be) open to

To make a success of Brexit, the UK will need to **become** more competitive and **open to** investment.

to become open to, (be) open to

European regulators are **open to using** public funds to help clean up toxic assets weighing on bank balance sheets.

(be) open to + V~ing (*using*), (be) open to

(be) optimistic about

CEO Tim Cook signaled that the company **remains optimistic about** its ability to capture new customers in emerging market.

to remain optimistic about, (be) optimistic about

Construction firms **appear** to be **optimistic about** the next few months, with confidence linked to the fastest rise in new orders since March.
to appear to be optimistic about, (be) optimistic about

British ministers are **optimistic about** chances of a decent trade deal if they reject the single market.
(be) optimistic about

We need to be cautious about being overly **optimistic about** it.
(be) optimistic about

Wall Street has been **optimistic about** the future of natural-gas fuelled power.
(be) optimistic about

It is possible that the tension could be defused, but it is hard to be **optimistic about** next year.
(be) optimistic about

This time Janet Yellen was sounding far more **optimistic about** the economy, and making clear the Fed's readiness to act to head off an overheating.
(be) optimistic about

Poundland Boss Andy Bond said Poundland's performance had now improved and he was **optimistic about** the prospects for the Christmas trading period.
(be) optimistic about

Economists have **become optimistic about** the prospects for Apple's latest model.
to become optimistic about, (be) optimistic about

If this trend continues, then we will have a tangible reason to **get optimistic about** the overall earnings picture.
to get optimistic about, (be) optimistic about

We are **optimistic about** offshore wind and although we still think there may be potential investment opportunities onshore.
(be) optimistic about

The survey showed that Eurozone consumers became slightly less **optimistic about** their prospects.
(be) optimistic about

Economists said they were cautiously **optimistic about** the prospects for emerging markets.
(be) optimistic about

Jim Breyer, the venture capitalist who made a fortune investing early in Facebook, is **optimistic about** the long-term picture for the technology industry.
(be) optimistic about

Businesses and consumers across the EU **became** more **optimistic about** their prospects in May.
to become optimistic about, (be) optimistic about

Finance chiefs were broadly **optimistic about** the UK's economic prospects in 2016 as well as for the US.
(be) optimistic about

(be) passionate about

We are **passionate about** bringing you industry-leading resources to meet your daily benefits challenges.
(be) passionate about

Donald Trump is **passionate about** unleashing the might of the private sector in order to revive growth.
(be) passionate about

Donald Trump is **passionate about** unleashing the might of the private sector in order to revive growth.
(be) passionate about

(be) pessimistic about

People are pretty **pessimistic about** the Paris treaty goals for limiting warming.
(be) pessimistic about

The economic index indicated that companies were **becoming** more **pessimistic about** the future.
to become pessimistic about, (be) pessimistic about

Observers are **pessimistic about** the chances of a last-gasp change of heart.
(be) pessimistic about

Despite stronger than expected growth in the euro area last year, CFOs **remained** **pessimistic about** prospects for the region.
(be) pessimistic about

We are pretty **pessimistic about** the UK economy but have looked at the scale of falls against the likely increase in bad debts.
(be) pessimistic about

Technology companies are especially **pessimistic about** China's uncertain regulatory environment.

(be) pessimistic about

The offshore market is a little bit more **pessimistic about** possible intervention than onshore.

(be) pessimistic about

Yet despite all this, many Americans are increasingly **pessimistic about** race.

(be) pessimistic about

Business economists are more **pessimistic about** their firms' future sales and profits than they were last fall, and more predict slower economic growth.

(be) pessimistic about

The government attacks the IMF for being too **pessimistic about** the current deal.

(be) pessimistic about

To be fair, fund managers were **pessimistic about** commodities a year ago, and they were right.

(be) pessimistic about

Yet the data suggests that women currently in tech **feel pessimistic about** the climate in their companies.

to feel pessimistic about, (be) pessimistic about

(be) popular with

The anti-graft campaign is **popular with** the public, which suffers hugely from officials' corruption, negligence and incompetence.

(be) popular with

Such policies are **popular with** politicians as they allow them to affect corporate behavior without appearing too heavy-handed.

(be) popular with

They are **popular with** hotel owners because they are cheaper to build and run, and they are **popular with** travelers because they are more reasonably priced yet still offer amenities.

(be) popular with

Moms and dads will appreciate that safety promise, and Legos are obviously **popular with** families and kids of all ages.

(be) popular with

Toasts of *gan bei* and endless rounds of *baijiu* are still **popular with** the old guard.

(be) popular with

Ryanair believes the service will be **popular with** schools, groups traveling to sports events and stag and hen parties.

(be) popular with

The TPP (Trans-Pacific Partnership) is **popular with** ordinary Vietnamese.

(be) popular with

It is particularly **popular with** lawyers in countries such as China and Brazil.

(be) popular with

(be) positive about

While we recognize heightened risks, with the stock's recent declines we are more **positive about** Twitter's potential upside than we have been in some time.

(be) positive about

CEOs need to be very **positive about** the ability and benefits of globalization.

(be) positive about

Staff in No. 10 are also said to be **positive about** the speech, which is expected to be long and detailed.

(be) positive about

Business leaders said they **remained positive about** the economic benefits of free movement of goods, people and capital.

to remain positive about, (be) positive about

Consumers are **feeling** more **positive about** their personal financial situation but worried about the UK's overall prospects.

to feel positive about, (be) positive about

(be) preferable to

Political advertising on digital channels can be **preferable to** spending huge sums on television.

(be) preferable to

(be) pressing for

However, the need for improved economics is most **pressing for** the UK, which has lagged behind Norway in investment and discoveries.
(be) pressing for

(be) prone to, (be) prone to + V~ing

The majority of water-intensive industries, such as coal mining, textiles and chemicals, are found in countries that are particularly **prone to** water shortages: China, Australia, America and India.
(be) prone to

A new Cambridge University study shows that forecasting the medium to long term can be just as **prone to** error as forecasting the short term.
(be) prone to

Finance industry is **prone to** occasional crises that can disrupt the global economy.
(be) prone to

India's democracy is less **prone to** coups and violence.
(be) prone to

Apple is less **prone to** risk and has more at stake.
(be) prone to

Researchers were surprised to discover that team players were more **prone to** this trait.
(be) prone to

Athletes in individual sports are more **prone to** depression than those in team games.
(be) prone to

China is probably no more **prone to** financial fraud than other emerging markets.
(be) prone to

The international system is **prone to** inertia and turf wars.
(be) prone to

Like other areas of public policy, central banking is **prone to** fads and fashions.
(be) prone to

By its very topography, Jakarta is already **prone to** flooding during the rainy season.
(be) prone to

The authorization system is **prone to** corruption because it gives regulators undue power.
(be) prone to

Economists are **prone to** methodological crazes.
(be) prone to

As wine, art, classic cars and other collectibles have soared in value, they have also **become more prone to** fraud.
to become prone to, (be) prone to

Adolescents are more **prone to** addiction than adults.
(be) prone to

Other oil producers are **prone to** a similar cycle of weaker growth and a falling currency.
(be) prone to

African women are especially **prone to putting** on extra pounds.
(be) prone to + V-ing (*putting*), (be) prone to

(be) proud of

We are extremely **proud of** our accurate, fair and independent reporting in China and around the world.
(be) proud of

USA Gymnastics is **proud of** the work it has done to address and guard against child sexual abuse.
(be) proud of

We have always been a pioneering nation and are fiercely **proud of** our ability to determine and shape our own destiny.
(be) proud of

Wells Fargo is especially **proud of** its board's diversity.
(be) proud of

We are **proud of** the work environment and the culture we have at Amazon.
(be) proud of

(be) queasy about

With little certainty possible on how much further print advertising has to fall, lenders are **queasy about** testing new media business models.
(be) queasy about

(be) ready for

Many employees, too, are not **ready for** the digital world.

(be) ready for

We must be **ready for** the moment – the disasters, the joys and the sorrows.

(be) ready for

However, neither side is **ready for** the challenge of such complex negotiations.

(be) ready for

For all his many years as a reality TV host, Trump is simply not **ready for** prime time.

(be) ready for

(be) realistic about

We tend to be **realistic about** the economic challenge facing the country after the referendum result.

(be) realistic about

Britain should be **realistic about** what new RU trade terms can be agreed during Brexit talks.

(be) realistic about

(be) relevant to

Such reforms would be **relevant to** only a tiny fraction of the work force.

(be) relevant to

Suddenly defeated politicians are no longer **relevant to** any political debate.

(be) relevant to

(be) reliant on

The loser from trade **became reliant on** the government.

to become reliant on, (be) reliant on

Russia is wary of **becoming** too **reliant on** investment from China.

to become reliant on, (be) reliant on

Like their host country, the refugees tend to **become reliant on** handouts.

to become reliant on, (be) reliant on

China's economy has **become** too **reliant on** loose monetary policy and credit expansion.

to become reliant on, (be) reliant on

By some measures, India's economy **remains reliant on** old-fashioned cash transactions.

to remain reliant on, (be) reliant on

The banks have **become** ever more **reliant on** wealth management products.

to become reliant on, (be) reliant on

Scotland is known to be mainly pro-Europe whereas London businesses tend to be heavily **reliant on** financial services.

(be) reliant on

The UK-focused banks have been punished as they are highly **reliant on** the health of the UK economy, which several analysts say will fall into recession.

(be) reliant o

As a conglomerate of leading businesses, Berkshire has **become** much less **reliant on** Buffett's stock-picking skills to generate returns than it was in earlier years.

to become reliant on, (be) reliant on

As the two economies become more intertwined, the Cuban government itself will **become reliant on** its wealthy partner.

to become reliant on, (be) reliant on

The effect will **make** the economy less dependent on consumers and more **reliant on** producers.

to make ... reliant on, (be) reliant on

Retailers may be too **reliant on** responding to short-term fads instead of trying to understand customers' underlying demands.

(be) reliant on

However, the deal is **reliant on** employees agreeing to the final salary pension scheme.

(be) reliant on

Individual options are available to individuals who are not **reliant on** employer coverage.

(be) reliant on

The eurozone is heavily **reliant on** exports as a source of growth.

(be) reliant on

The Russian economy is heavily **reliant on** crude and natural gas, which together account for almost half of state revenue.

(be) reliant on

Chinese companies have issued billions of dollars in new bonds in recent years, and are less **reliant on** borrowing from banks.

(be) reliant on

(be) resistant to

We notice that you have been more **resistant to** these changes.

(be) resistant to

Donald Trump is deeply **resistant to** measures to tackle climate change.

(be) resistant to

(be) responsible for

Colorado, where residents voted to legalize marijuana in 2012, argued it is not **responsible for** the behavior of individual purchasers.

(be) responsible for

The consumer body said the Payments Systems Regulator had not done enough to **make banks responsible for** reimbursing customers for losses from money transfers which have affected tens of thousands of people.

to make ... responsible for, (be) responsible for

Smoking is **responsible for** about 480,000 deaths a year in the US.

(be) responsible for

Mosquitoes are **responsible for** more deaths than any other form of insect or any other animal.

(be) responsible for

Moreover, within the eurozone, the national authorities will no longer be **responsible for** dealing with failed banks because the job has been transferred to the new Single Resolution Mechanism.

(be) responsible for

The scouts were **responsible for** enthusing him about engineering, putting up televisions at a jamboree so the boys could watch the moon landing in 1969.

(be) responsible for

No one European agency is **responsible for** fighting the people-smugglers.

(be) responsible for

They are **responsible for** the entire health care system.
(be) responsible for

Airbnb, which lets people rent out their homes, has long held that it is not **responsible for** the actions of hosts and guests.
(be) responsible for

Most people assume inexpensive, poorly-prepared meat is **responsible for** most food poisoning cases.
(be) responsible for

Over the past two decades, local governments have been **responsible for** more and more of China's total government spending.
(be) responsible for

The bankers who sit in the boards of regional Feds are not directly **responsible for** regulations.
(be) responsible for

If your bike is lost, damaged or stolen, renters are **responsible for** the cost.
(be) responsible for

Taxpayers **remain responsible for** the bulk of booking costs.
to remain responsible for, (be) responsible for

However, debt collection issues are **responsible for** more consumer complaints than any other financial product.
(be) responsible for

Bees are **responsible for** pollinating most of the plants that require insect pollination to produce fruits, seeds and nuts.

Arnold Palmer, "The King" of golf, was largely **responsible for** making the game a spectator sport for the masses.
(be) responsible for

Before the change, regional health authorities had been **responsible for** almost every aspect of running hospitals.
(be) responsible for

(be) responsive to

Our lending solutions allow you to be **responsive to** customer needs as they evolve.

(be) responsive to

TCM (traditional Chinese medicine) has been **responsive to** the plight of threatened animals.

(be) responsive to

Global financial conditions are thus **responsive to** attitudes to risk.

(be) responsive to

Economists found that inflation has **become** less **responsive to** monetary policy.

to become responsive to, (be) responsive to

This will enable us to be more **responsive to** the market and have more control over quality

(be) responsive to

(be) rife with

The energy industry is **rife with** well-paying jobs and big-spending employees.

(be) rife with

The industry is also **rife with** disappointments: endless toil that produces meager returns.

(be) rife with

The nation is **rife with** markets like this one.

(be) rife with

The US federal bank's November 2 meeting is **rife with** juicy story lines.

(be) rife with

The stock market is **rife with** mood swings these days, and investors had better get used to it.

(be) rife with

(be) right about

If you are **right about** what will happen, you do not have to worry about when will happen.

(be) right about

If they are **right about** that, it could change the entire dynamics of the oil market

(be) right about

Elliott Management is **right about** the need to simplify Marathon Petroleum's structure.

(be) right about

In Warren Buffett's own words, if you are **right about** the business, you will make a lot of money.

(be) right about

(be) sanguine about

The billionaire investor, one of the richest people in the world, was much less **sanguine about** big banks.

(be) sanguine about

Until now foreign investors have been fairly **sanguine about** the economy.

(be) sanguine about

The think tank offers other reasons to be **sanguine about** gilt yields.

(be) sanguine about

In Europe, markets are less **sanguine about** the populism outburst.

(be) sanguine about

The government is worried that people have **grown more sanguine about** migration.

to grow sanguine about, (be) sanguine about

(be) selective about

Today, cruise lines are **becoming** ever more **selective about** those they hire.

to become selective about, (be) selective about

The bank is also more **selective about** the customers to which it lends and is ending \$20bn of loans to a handful of customers.

(be) selective about

Some prominent real-estate investors are reducing their holdings and **getting** more **selective about** new deals.

to get selective about, (be) selective about

(be) sensitive about

Young people need to be **sensitive about** managing upwards.

(be) sensitive about

(be) sensitive/insensitive to

Sales are much more **sensitive to** the size of the jackpots than to the likelihood of winning.

(be) sensitive to

In addition, politicians are **sensitive to** public perceptions that such mergers are bad for consumers.

(be) sensitive to

That **makes** the Chinese economy particularly **sensitive to** expectations of increasing interest rates.

to make ... sensitive to, (be) sensitive to

Given this backdrop, investors are **sensitive to** bad news.

(be) sensitive to

Science suggests that developing brains are more **sensitive to** the changes associated with marijuana use.

(be) sensitive to

The supreme court will be extremely **sensitive to** public opinion about the role of the court.

(be) sensitive to

Bluefin tuna is highly **sensitive to** light, temperature and noise.

(be) sensitive to

The Philippines, Vietnam are least **sensitive to** weak Chinese growth.

(be) sensitive to

Industrial-metal prices, which are especially **sensitive to** the economic outlook, have bounced since the election result.

(be) sensitive to

The speed and magnitude of the response will be **sensitive to** moves in financial markets.

(be) sensitive to

The pound **seems** particularly **sensitive to** news from the UK construction sector.

to seem sensitive to, (be) sensitive to

Middle Eastern investors are less **sensitive to** the Brexit uncertainty than those from elsewhere.

(be) sensitive to

Smaller than non-native rainbow and brown trout, the cut-throat trout is especially **sensitive to** warming water.

(be) sensitive to

The party is particularly **sensitive to** accusations that it is favoring the wealthiest.

(be) sensitive to

Europeans are much more **sensitive to** the idea of exploitation of their personal data.

(be) sensitive to

Social media companies are **sensitive to** accusations they help law enforcement and intelligence officials keep tabs on their users.

(be) sensitive to

Such models are extremely **sensitive to** different assumptions of growth rates.

(be) sensitive to

Most hotel-franchising fee deals are long term and **insensitive to** trading conditions.

(be) insensitive to

(be) separate from

The latest breach is **separate from** a 500 million-account breach the company disclosed in September 2016.

(be) separate from

The deal was cleared because regulators judged the convenience store market to be **separate from** the supermarket business.

(be) separate from

(be) serious about

We are **serious about** complying with China's laws and committed to addressing the government's questions and concerns

(be) serious about

If Mr. Trump is **serious about** cutting imports, he could get rid of customs exemption.

(be) serious about

It is time to be completely **serious about** what is at stake and utterly clear about the consequences of the respective outcomes.

(be) serious about

For many shoppers who are **serious about** spending less on groceries, a trip to discount supermarket Aldi is a weekly ritual.

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The government naturally claims that it is **serious about** slashing excess capacity in industrial sectors.

(be) serious about

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(be) serious about

The refugee flow will not stop in 2016 unless the world **gets serious about** fixing fragile states.

to get serious about, (be) serious about

As the Silicon Valley company seeks new sources of growth, it has **become serious about** getting into the business software market.

to become serious about, (be) serious about

If Airbnb is **serious about** home-sharing, then it would also be **serious about** the people who are using its platform illegally.

(be) serious about

Ford, however, is out to prove it is **serious about** developing long-range electric cars that rival or beat the competition.

(be) serious about

(be) short of

Analysts already think that both banks are **short of** capital.

(be) short of

Economists are woefully **short of** compelling solution, however.

(be) short of

Most of them today are curiously **short of** two things: free cashflow and, above all, the readiness to gamble big.

(be) short of

Deutsche Bank has two problems: they are a bit **short of** capital and they are overexposed to investment banking.

(be) short of

(be) short on

Britain's would-be mayors are **short on** plans for making that happen.

(be) short on

The treatise is long on exciting visions of the future and **short on** financial details.

(be) short on

Whatever you think of Donald Trump, his populist, protectionist prescriptions are woefully **short on** policy detail.

(be) short on

(be) shy about

Many of them depend on gratuities and are not **shy about** telling customers about the arrangement.

(be) shy about

Norwegians are now less **shy about** flaunting their wealth.

(be) shy about

Tim Cook, who took over from the late Steve Jobs in 2011, has not been **shy about** confronting issues of the day.

(be) shy about

(be) silent about

They are shockingly **silent about** Trump's use of Twitter.

(be) silent about

Tech executives have been conspicuously **silent about** what they plan to do.

(be) silent about

(be) silent on

Russian President Vladimir Putin has been strategically **silent on** the referendum.

(be) silent on

The Republic Party platform is virtually **silent on** climate change while calling for a strategy for energy.

(be) silent on

The law is frustratingly **silent on** how to avoid such dangers.

(be) silent on

(be) similar to

The goals of negative interest rates are largely **similar to** those of very low, or near zero, positive interest rates.

(be) similar to

It is understood that the Brazilian authorities have allowed Rolls-Royce to sign a leniency agreement, which is **similar to** a DPA (deferred prosecution agreement).

(be) similar to

The Japan's shopping vouchers are **similar to** those handed out by UK supermarkets to customers that accumulate points on their loyalty cards.

(be) similar to

When it comes to achieving the American dream, immigrants **look very similar to** native-born Americans.

to look similar to, (be) similar to

Other requirements – speaking Japanese, holding sufficient assets – are **similar to** those in many countries.

(be) similar to

The emergence of these goliaths is **similar to** the emergence of big companies in the US and Europe in the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

(be) similar to

The return on capital is **similar to** that seen in Silicon Valley.

(be) similar to

These services are **similar to** Uber's, except they allow parents to schedule rides for their children in advance.

(be) similar to

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(be) similar to

(be) skeptical about

Investors are already **skeptical about** what lurks on Chinese banks' balance sheets.

(be) skeptical about

Gulf oil sources have been **skeptical about** a quick return of Iranian barrels and Tehran's ability to raise production as swiftly as it says it can.

(be) skeptical about

Young Arabs have **become** more **skeptical about** religion in public life.

to become skeptical about, (be) skeptical about

We **remain skeptical about** the deal for a number of reasons.

to remain skeptical about, (be) skeptical about

We **remain skeptical about** any effect in the physical crude market.

to remain skeptical about, (be) skeptical about

(be) specific about

When making a reservation, be **specific about** the features you want in your room and be nice to front desk staff.

(be) specific about

Participants declined to be more **specific about** the discussion.

(be) specific about

The bank's clawback provisions are **specific about** the circumstances in which it can recoup money from executives.

(be) specific about

(be) split over

Experts are **split over** the viability of a plan to use private financing to fund the program to appease a deficit-averse Republican Congress.

(be) split over

The bloc is **split over** how to deal with its large eastern neighbor.

(be) split over

(be) subject to

Those who make the laws should show that they are not **subject to** conflicts of interest.

(be) subject to

The deal, which is still **subject to** negotiations on final documentation, removes a cloud that has hung over the largest German lender.

(be) subject to

It looks as though efforts in large developing countries will be **subject to** more scrutiny than in the past.

(be) subject to

The taxi industry has complained that the ride-hailing services are not **subject to** the same costs and regulations as their established businesses.

(be) subject to

Before the agreement with China, Australia and US cheese were both **subject to** a 12% import tax.

(be) subject to

It is clear that many institutions across Europe are **subject to** a continuously increasing number of cyber attacks from different sources.

(be) subject to

The labor market, like most other facets of the economy, is **subject to** the ebbs and flows of supply and demand.

(be) subject to

Like bank deposits, money market funds are potentially **subject to** a run if a large number of people try to withdraw their money at the same time.

(be) subject to

The way the wealthy get this favoritism is because their investment returns are **subject to** capital gains taxes instead of ordinary income taxes.

(be) subject to

The deal is **subject to** due diligence and clearance from competition authorities.

(be) subject to

All plans will be **subject to** change.

(be) subject to

Russian state-owned entities are **subject to** tight restrictions in the UK.

(be) subject to

China's internet is already **subject to** the world's most sophisticated online censorship mechanism.

(be) subject to

Whether you amend or adopt a new rule, you will be **subject to** judicial review.
(be) subject to

The market for all those homes, however, **remains subject to** serious distortions, thanks to government policy.
to remain subject to, (be) subject to

Handbags remain such an uncertain category because it is one of the few sectors that will not be **subject to** weather.
(be) subject to

British goods and services would **become subject to** tariffs.
to become subject to, (be) subject to

Concerns about bribery and corruption **remain subject to** investigation by the Serious Fraud Office (SFO) and other authorities.
to remain subject to, (be) subject to

Despite global discontent with globalization, everyone **remains subject to** the dominion of the foreign exchange market.
to remain subject to, (be) subject to

Cigarette-makers **remain subject to** a vast settlement reached with American states in 1998.
to remain subject to, (be) subject to

We have from time to time been **subject to** PRC and foreign government inquiries and investigations.
(be) subject to

Bitcoin is not **subject to** any central authority and can be traded almost instantly across borders.
(be) subject to

As a member of the EU, Denmark is **subject to** the same global trade agreements as we are.
(be) subject to

The transaction, which is expected to be completed by the end of the year, is **subject to** approval from the Singapore High Court for the transfer of the Singapore business.
(be) subject to

Any agreement is still **subject to** the final approval of American authorities.

(be) subject to

The value-added tax is **subject to** many exemptions; but it will still bring in badly needed revenue.

(be) subject to

Russian and Chinese citizens are **subject to** untrammelled surveillance by their own leaders.

(be) subject to

Drivers are **subject to** background checks, driver's license verification and must also have valid insurance policies.

(be) subject to

The transaction is still **subject to** a number of conditions, including merger controls by the EC as well as the approval by financial, securities and other regulatory authorities.

(be) subject to

Both types of accounts are **subject to** stringent regulations.

(be) subject to

While a high-impact snowstorm is likely, the exact timing and snowfall totals are **subject to** change.

(be) subject to

The promised law is **subject to** many exemptions; but it will still bring in badly needed revenue.

(be) subject to

The amber market has always been **subject to** fluctuations.

(be) subject to

The merger has been approved by the boards of both companies and is expected to be finalized in the first half of next year, **subject to** regulatory approval.

(be) subject to

Firms and places are often **subject to** economies of scale: they become more productive as they grow larger.

(be) subject to

Older 747s are now **subject to** higher landing charges to compensate for the amount of noise and pollution they create compared with more modern aircraft.

(be) subject to

(be) successful in

Solar advocates say tax incentives and government mandates have been highly **successful in** prompting solar development.

(be) successful in

If we are **successful in** implementing reforms, then Turkey should return to high growth.

(be) successful in

If you want to be **successful in** Germany, you have to understand the regulation.

(be) successful in

(be) supportive of

It is understood that the founding Sainsbury family is **supportive of** the management.

(be) supportive of

We would be highly **supportive of** the efforts of the Irish government.

(be) supportive of

A renewed liquidity push in early 2017 will be **supportive of** metals demand for the coming 12 months.

(be) supportive of

There is growing feeling that the Fed and other central banks will be less **supportive of** financial markets.

(be) supportive of

(be) susceptible to

At least 62% of Americans are **susceptible to** major damage when a financial emergency arises.

(be) susceptible to

Producers are increasingly **susceptible to** missteps in the delicate dance of supply and demand across the world.

(be) susceptible to

Older people are more likely to struggle with day-to-day banking and are more **susceptible to** poor investment decisions.

(be) susceptible to

The older brain seems more **susceptible to** "too good to be true" scams, from lotteries to dating schemes.

(be) susceptible to

Britain was a more open economy and more **susceptible to** the global slowdown in demand for exports and investment

(be) susceptible to

(be) suspicious of

In some cases, shoppers are even more **suspicious of** the stuff that companies put in, such as artificial sweeteners.

(be) suspicious of

Republicans are deeply **suspicious of** Putin but are anxious to avoid picking a fight with Trump even before his inauguration.

(be) suspicious of

Economists are **suspicious of** these complaints.

(be) suspicious of

(be) sympathetic to

Leading shareholders of Home Retail are **sympathetic to** Sainsbury's approach.

(be) sympathetic to

(be) tantamount to

The minimum 5% rate of value-added tax (VAT) is **tantamount to** a tax on women.

(be) tantamount to

(be) terrible at

Twitter is **terrible at** listening to anybody about harassment.

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(be) terrible at

(be) thirsty for

Sovereign-wealth funds and insurance firms have signaled that they are **thirsty for** income due to negative interest rates in Japan and Europe.

(be) thirsty for

(be) tolerant of

Buffett holds stocks for a long time and is **tolerant of** volatility if he sees long-term value.

(be) tolerant of

Asia's growing middle class is less **tolerant of** pests than its rural relatives.

(be) tolerant of

(be) tough on

The new prime minister promised to **get tough on** irresponsible behavior in big business.

to get tough on, (be) tough on

If America does not **get tough on** terrorism soon, Americans are not going to have a country any more.

to get tough on, (be) tough on

Germany has not been so **tough on** the rest of the eurozone and so indulgent toward its largest banks.

(be) tough on

(be) transparent about

We urge social-media companies to **become** more **transparent about** their internal review process of complaints.

to become transparent about, (be) transparent about

Carmakers need to **become** more **transparent about** the technology behind their products.

to become transparent about, (be) transparent about

Fed officials have not been **transparent about** the Lehman crisis.

(be) transparent about

If the government is planning to force people to work to 68, 69 or even 70, then it should be **transparent about** its plans.

(be) transparent about

(be) unique in, (be) unique to

Las Vegas, nicknamed Sin City, is **unique in** that its problems have been mostly blamed on policy decisions.

(be) unique in

We are **unique in** targeting the wardrobe needs of a broad range of people.
(be) unique in

Some of these strategies are not **unique to** Walmart.
(be) unique to

None of this is **unique to** Goldman Sachs.
(be) unique to

Again, this not **unique to** real estate, but it is particularly beneficial to people in that line of work.
(be) unique to

This is not **unique to** real estate, but its benefits are concentrated in real estate and banking because other industries rely much less on debt.
(be) unique to

Again, this is not **unique to** real estate, but it is particularly beneficial to people in that line of work.

(be) upbeat about

The survey suggests investors are not quite so **upbeat about** 2016 as they were about 2015.
(be) upbeat about

Construction firms were relatively **upbeat about** the growth outlook, despite confidence levels being among the lowest in the past three years.
(be) upbeat about

The 472 manufacturers surveyed were **upbeat about** future demand.
(be) upbeat about

Its business trends report suggested firms **remained upbeat about** growth in the coming six months.
to remain upbeat about, (be) upbeat about

(be) upset about

Are you **upset about** the direction of this society?
(be) upset about

(be) vague about

Brexiters are deliberately **vague about** the alternatives to European Union membership.

A US president who is **vague about** his commitment to NATO at a time of Russian expansionism is something entirely new and dangerous.

(be) vague about

(be) valuable to

Such data is **valuable to** companies, which use it in a broad range of ways.

(be) valuable to

He has so far focused on Western markets, whose users are most **valuable to** advertisers.

(be) valuable to

You can often command a higher price for your company if you have assets that are **valuable to** another company.

(be) valuable to

(be) vital to

Immigrants are **vital to** a healthy American economy,

(be) vital to

Prime customers are **vital to** Amazon's bottom line because they are lucrative, spending on average about \$1,200 per year.

(be) vital to

As the world's largest economy and the buyer of last resort, the US **remains vital to** the rest of the world.

to remain vital to, (be) vital to

(be) vocal about

Top Exxon officials have been more **vocal about** their support for a carbon tax.

(be) vocal about

Big business has been most **vocal about** the desire for a "yes" vote, but large companies, with their channels to foreign markets, would cope pretty well with a rejection.

(be) vocal about

Plans have been very **vocal about** describing features of the market that they think are not working optimally.

(be) vocal about

Jeffrey Lacker, a member of the Federal Open Market Committee, has been **vocal about** the need to raise rates sooner rather than later.

(be) vocal about

(be) vulnerable to

Pregnant women who live in or have traveled to Zika-infested regions are **vulnerable to** the most serious complications from the virus: birth defects.

(be) vulnerable to

If global warming lifts oceans six feet by 2100, as some scientists forecast in worst-case scenarios, 13.1 million people living in US coastal areas will

become vulnerable to flooding and storm surges

to become vulnerable to, (be) vulnerable to

When issuance is sluggish, the market **becomes** more **vulnerable to** volatile swings in prices.

to become vulnerable to, (be) vulnerable to

This binge has **left** many state-owned firms **vulnerable to** slowdown, turning them into profitless zombies.

to leave ... vulnerable to, (be) vulnerable to

This financial fragility **leaves** Britain more **vulnerable to** shocks if it leaves the EU.

to leave ... vulnerable to, (be) vulnerable to

The current account deficit is now so large that it **leaves** the country **vulnerable to** external shocks.

to leave ... vulnerable to, (be) vulnerable to

These external debts and deficits **leave** Turkey **vulnerable to** the withdrawal of foreign capital.

to leave ... vulnerable to, (be) vulnerable to

Older people are also more **vulnerable to** fraud or to financial exploitation, often by relatives.

(be) vulnerable to

Sterling is still very **vulnerable to** hard Brexit fears.

(be) vulnerable to

We are all **vulnerable to** cyberattacks.

(be) vulnerable to

Silicon Valley has come out strongly against the bill, saying it will **make** Americans more **vulnerable to** cyber criminals.
to make ... vulnerable to, (be) vulnerable to

Real estate companies are also acutely **vulnerable to** the surge in short-term rates.
(be) vulnerable to

A recent boom in foreign direct investment into US could be **vulnerable to** any increase in protectionism.
(be) vulnerable to

Right now, the data shows that black folks are more **vulnerable to** these kinds of incidents.
(be) vulnerable to

It is clear that no other segment of the UK equity market is more **vulnerable to** a Brexit than banks.
(be) vulnerable to

The Brexit referendum comes as financial markets and economies around the globe are in a fragile state and **vulnerable to** an exogenous jolt.
(be) vulnerable to

Some refugees are **becoming** increasingly **vulnerable to** the allure of organized crime.
to become vulnerable to, (be) vulnerable to

The market is **vulnerable to** a surprise rise in rates or a major earnings disappointment.
(be) vulnerable to

In the meantime, the other crisis countries in the eurozone, like Portugal, Ireland and Spain, have taken steps to overhaul their economies and are much less **vulnerable to** market contagion than they were a few years ago.
(be) vulnerable to

Because Deutsche Bank has been dominated by its investment banking operations, it is especially **vulnerable to** such volatility.
(be) vulnerable to

Their banks are also less **vulnerable to** turmoil associated with "currency mismatch".
(be) vulnerable to

Others are worried that Taiwan is already too dependent on the Chinese economy and thus **vulnerable to** pressure from Beijing.
(be) vulnerable to

Yet some employers are fearful that such disclosures will **make** them **vulnerable to** class-action lawsuits from female workers.
to make ... vulnerable to, (be) vulnerable to

All such rules are **vulnerable to** political pressure.
(be) vulnerable to

The housing market at the time of the referendum was **vulnerable to** a repeat performance.
(be) vulnerable to

(be) wary of

Foreign investors are **wary of** taking on that currency risk themselves.
(be) wary of

Facebook also must tread cautiously in making changes, because it is **wary of** exposing itself to claims of censorship.
(be) wary of

Many marijuana business owners are **wary of** drawing Trump's ire and are proceeding with caution.
(be) wary of

With the weak pound pushing up inflation, thanks to higher import costs in the UK, companies are **wary of** raising pay and taking on new staff.
(be) wary of

The government should be **wary of** overestimating the scale of its victory or underestimating the scope of the challenges that remain.
(be) wary of

They must, however, be very **wary of** being trolled.
(be) wary of

Many of the best English chains are **wary of** growing too fast.
(be) wary of

Investors have long been **wary of** America's sneezes, knowing they can give the world a cold.

(be) wary of

Russia is **wary of** becoming too reliant on investment from China.

(be) wary of

Some analysts **remain wary of** political contagion.

to remain wary of, (be) wary of

(be) wrong with

Negative interest rates are surely a sign that something is **wrong with** an economy.

(be) wrong with