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Adjectives with prepositions

aware of	/ə'weə əv/	consiglio di	She suddenly became aware of a strange masked man behind her.
connected to	/kə'nektɪd ,tu:/	collegato a, ha a che fare con	Local people do not think Darren Hasell is connected to the man in the orange suit.
devoted to	/dɪ'vəʊtɪd 'tu:/	dedicato a	His time has been devoted to improving the day-to-day life of the citizens of Tunbridge Wells.
familiar with	/fə'mɪliə ,wɪð/	a conoscenza di	An experienced journalist is usually familiar with joke letters of this kind.
free from	/fri: ,frɒm/	libero da	Tunbridge Wells is generally free from serious crime.
intent on	/ɪn'tent ɒn/	deciso a	National newspapers were intent on publishing the story.
involved in	/ɪn'vɒlvd ɪn/	coinvolto in	The orange-suited Monkey Man has been involved in a number of incidents such as helping old ladies cross the road and putting litter in bins.
responsible for	/rɪ'spɒnsəbl fɔ:/	responsabile di	Three people were responsible for the Monkey Man joke.
restricted to	/rɪ'strɪktɪd ,tu:/	riservato a	Some parts of the town are restricted to pedestrians.
sympathetic to	/sɪmpə'θetɪk ,tu:/	favorevole a	A spokesman for the local police said they were always sympathetic to acts of good citizenship.

Crimes

armed robbery (n) U	/ɑ:md 'rɒbəri/	rapina a mano armata	Armed robbery is a situation in which people use guns in order to rob a place.
assault (n) C	/ə'sɔ:lt/	aggressione	Assault is the crime of physically attacking someone.
hijacking (n) C	/haɪ,dʒækɪŋ/	dirottamento aereo	Hijacking is the crime of illegally taking control of a plane, often using violence.
kidnapping (n) C / U	/kɪdnæpɪŋ/	sequestro di persona	Kidnapping is the crime of taking someone away and making them a prisoner, especially in order to get money.
mugging (n) U	/mʌgɪŋ/	rapina	They say that kidnappings in that country are again on the increase.
murder (n) C	/mɜ:də/	omicidio	Mugging is an attack on someone in a public place in order to steal money or other items from them.
smuggling (n) U	/smʌgɪŋ/	contrabbando	Murder is the crime of killing someone deliberately.
vandalism (n) U	/vændə,lɪzəm/	vandalismo	Smuggling is the practice of illegally taking goods or people into or out of a country.
			Vandalism is the act of deliberately damaging or destroying public property.

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Compound nouns (jobs)

disc jockey	/ˈdɪsk ˌdʒɒki/	DJ	A disc jockey plays CDs and records in a club.
estate agent	/ˈsteɪt ˌeɪdʒənt/	agente immobiliare	Estate agents have a bad reputation but perform a useful service.
firefighter	/ˈfaɪəˌfaɪtə/	pompieri	Firefighters are well-respected but they are badly paid.
motorcycle courier	/ˈməʊtəˌsaɪkl ˌkʊrɪə/	corriere in motocicletta	Motorcycle couriers deliver urgent documents and parcels.
nightclub bouncer	/ˈnaɪtklʌb ˌbaʊnsə/	buttafuori	Nightclub bouncers are employed to prevent fights or problems in nightclubs.
rescue worker	/ˈreskjʊː ˌwɜːkə/	soccorritore	Rescue workers help to rescue people who have been injured in an accident or a natural disaster.
tax inspector	/ˈtæks ɪnˌspektə/	agente delle tasse	Tax inspectors check that people or companies are paying the right amount of tax.
telesales rep	/ˈtelɪseɪlz ˌrep/	rappresentante di vendite per telefono	Telesales reps sell goods or services over the phone.
traffic warden	/ˈtræfɪk ˌwɔːdn/	addetto ai divieti di sosta	Traffic wardens check that vehicles are legally parked.

Other words & phrases

all-consuming (adj)	/ɔːlkənˈsjʊːmɪŋ/	incontrollabile	But when hero worship turns into an all-consuming passion, it can be an addiction as dangerous as any other.
an all-time low (n)	/ən ɔːlˈtaɪm ləʊ/	un minimo storico	Unemployment had reached an all-time low .
anthropologist (n) C	/ˌænθrəˈpɒlədʒɪst/	antropologo	Anthropologists say it is natural for us to evaluate people in terms of the success they have had.
baddie (n) C	/ˈbædi/	il “cattivo”	You’re going to have to content yourself with not being one of the baddies , Steve.
bigoted (adj)	/ˈbɪɡətɪd/	settario	Mean, bigoted and extremely wealthy, he hates humans and despises Harry Potter.
book (sb) (v)	/bʊk/	multare	I said I was going to move the car straight away but she still booked me .
cape (n) C	/keɪp/	cappa	The masked man wore an orange suit, brown underpants and a cape .
caped (adj)	/keɪpt/	rivestito di una cappa	We can now reveal that the identity of the caped crusader of Tunbridge Wells is none other than Matt Lees, a 31-year-old hairdresser.
cast (n) C	/kɑːst/	cast	In an all-American cast , the Sheriff’s cutting British accent marks him out.
citizenship (n) U	/ˈsɪtɪznʃɪp/	civismo	Local police said they were always sympathetic to acts of good citizenship .

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cold caller (n) C	/kəʊld ,kɔ:lə/	chi fa telefonate non richieste (a scopo di pubblicità)	I hate being disturbed at home by cold callers .
cold-calling (n) U	/kəʊld'kɔ:lɪŋ/	telefonata non richiesta (a scopo di pubblicità)	Phone companies are sometimes responsible for cold-calling .
comic (n) C	/kɒmɪk/	fumetti	The first superheroes appeared in comic books in the USA in 1938.
community-minded (adj)	/kə'mju:nə'ti'maɪndɪd/	nell'interesse della comunità	Their views were repeated by the town's mayor, Stanley Ward, who supported Monkey Man's acts so long as they remained ' community-minded '.
confessional (adj)	/kən'feʃnəl/	di rivelazioni intime	Some people write long confessional letters to their heroes.
crusader (n) C	/kru:'seɪdə/	crociato	The identity of the caped crusader of Tunbridge Wells is Matt Lees, a 31-year-old hairdresser.
cutting (adj)	/kʌtɪŋ/	marcato	In an all-American cast, the Sheriff's cutting British accent marks him out.
dashing (adj)	/dæʃɪŋ/	affascinante	Someone who is dashing is extremely attractive.
dazzling (adj)	/dæzɪŋ/	splendido	'Do they say anything about the most respected jobs?' 'No, I'm afraid not, despite your own dazzling performance, Steve.'
despise (v)	/dɪ'spaɪz/	disprezzare	Sauron hates Gandalf and despises the hobbits.
dungeon (n) C	/dʌndʒən/	prigione sotterranea	He has a collection of illegal poisons and black magic objects in his house, but he is exposed and sent to the spine-chilling dungeons of Azkaban.
dutifully (adv)	/dju:tɪfli/	doverosamente	Monkey Man picks up litter and dutifully puts it in the rubbish bin.
elf / elves (n) C	/elf/elvz/	elfo / elfi	The world of men and elves will never be completely free from his evil.
emulate (v)	/emjʊ'leɪt/	emulare	Reality TV shows create overnight stars for us to admire and emulate .
extinct (adj)	/ɪk'stɪŋkt/	spento	The volcano is now completely extinct .
flip side (n) U	/flɪp ,saɪd/	l'altro lato, retro	The flip side of a situation is the other or opposite aspect of it.
fuel (v)	/fju:əl/	alimentare	The syndrome is unquestionably fuelled by the media's own obsession with celebrities.
gossip (n) U	/gɒsɪp/	gossip	Gossip magazines and TV shows parade stars before us.
grotesque (adj)	/grəʊ'tesk/	grottesco	There was a handful of people wearing grotesque brown rubber Yoda masks.
gullible (adj)	/gʌləbl/	credulone	It was interesting to see that the press could be so gullible .
handful (n) C	/hændfʊl/	manciata	There was a handful of people wearing grotesque brown rubber Yoda masks.
hatred (n) U	/heɪtrɪd/	odio	Captain Hook is consumed with hatred for Peter Pan.
have egg on (sb's) face	/hæv 'eg ɒn feɪs/	rimanere con un palmo di naso	If you have egg on your face , you are embarrassed or ashamed.

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headdress (n) C	/ˈhed,dres/	acconciatura	Queen Amidala wears a strange gold headdress .
henchman (n) C	/ˈentʃmən/	scagnozzo	Saruman is the henchman of Sauron.
hero worship (n) U	/ˈhɪərəʊ ˈwɜːʃɪp/	culto degli eroi	But when hero worship turns into an all-consuming passion, it can be an addiction as dangerous as any other.
highlight (n) C	/ˈhaɪlaɪt/	momento saliente	The highlight of the day was the chance to see the sixth and final instalment of <i>Star Wars</i> .
hook (n) C	/hʊk/	uncino	Captain Hook has an iron hook in place of one hand that was cut off by Peter Pan.
immortality (n) U	/ˌɪmɔːtæləti/	immortalità	Immortality is a superhuman power she would like to have.
impressionable (adj)	/ˌɪmˈpreʃnəbl/	impressionabile	Young adolescents can be very impressionable .
in store	/ɪn ˈstɔː/	in serbo	Now for a quick look at the weather. Chris, what have you got in store for us today?
instalment (n) C	/ɪnˈstɔːlmənt/	puntata	The highlight of the day was the chance to see the sixth and final instalment of <i>Star Wars</i> .
know no bounds	/ˌnəʊ nəʊ ˈbaʊndz/	non conoscere limiti	When Robin stands in his way, the sheriff's cruelty knows no bounds .
liar (n) C	/laɪə/	bugiardo	Steve thinks that politicians are professional liars .
like-minded (adj)	/ˌlaɪkˈmaɪndɪd/	di idee simili	It was good to share the experience with a large like-minded crowd.
look up to (v)	/lʊk ʌp tə/	guardare con ammirazione	In primitive human societies, it was normal for the young to look up to the most successful members of the tribe and to use them as role models.
lure (v)	/ljʊə/	adescare	He uses every trick in the book to lure Peter to a painful death.
macho (adj)	/ˈmætʃəʊ/	macho, maschile	In 1941 William Marston came up with the idea of creating a female character as an alternative to the macho stereotypes of the comic book world.
make (sth) up	/ˌmeɪk ˈʌp/	inventare	She made the whole story of her past up .
masked (adj)	/mɑːskt/	mascherato	Tunbridge has its very own superhero – a masked man in an orange suit, brown underpants and cape.
meaningless (adj)	/ˌmiːnɪŋləs/	senza senso	The violence in the film is meaningless and random.
menace (n) C	/ˈmenəs/	minaccia	But Harry will not be completely free from the menace of the Malfoy family, until he has dealt with the slimy Draco, Lucius' son.
minute (adj)	/ˈmaɪnjuːt/	minuto	Some spend hours on the internet discussing minute details of the stars' lives.
moped (n) C	/ˈməʊpɛd/	ciclomotore	Hidden in the stable block's garage is an Italjet Dragster - “the Ferrari of mopeds ,” he says.

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nastiness (n) U	/nɑːstɪnəs/	cattiveria	We've picked five of the worst British screen villains of all time and put them in order of pure nastiness from 1 (totally poisonous) to 5 (pretty unpleasant).
obnoxious (adj)	/əb'nɒkʃəs/	odioso	Steve thinks that footballers can be arrogant, obnoxious thugs.
obsessed (adj)	/əb'sest/	ossessionato	'It's just great to be with other people who are as obsessed as me,' she said.
on the rampage	/ɒn ðə 'ræmpetɪdʒ/	comportarsi violentemente	In the film Alex and his gang go on the rampage every night.
parade (v)	/pə'reɪd/	esibire	Gossip magazines and TV shows parade stars before us.
parking ticket (n) C	/ˈpɑːkɪŋ 'tɪkɪt/	multa per divieto di sosta	When you return to your car, you are about to get a parking ticket .
patrol (v)	/pə'trəʊl/	perlustrare	The masked man patrols the town, sorting out life's little inconveniences.
perk (n) C	/pɜːk/	beneficio accessorio	Footballers enjoy lots of perks and privileges.
plank (n) C	/plæŋk/	asse, tavola	He dreams of making them all walk the plank off his pirate ship.
power-mad (adj)	/paʊə,mæd/	avidio di potere	You could say he became power-mad as other people let him take over the running of the country.
prankster (n) C	/ˈpræŋkstə/	burlone	Prankster Chris Shaw insisted that it was all a joke but said that it was interesting to see how the press could be so gullible.
purse (n) C	/pɜːs/	portamonete	The man tapped her on the shoulder and returned the purse she had lost earlier.
random (adj)	/ˈrændəm/	indiscriminato	The violence in the film is meaningless and random .
role model (n) C	/rəʊl mɒdəl/	modello di comportamento	In primitive human societies, it was normal for the young to look up to the most successful members of the tribe and to use them as role models .
satin (adj)	/sætn/	raso	Tilly was dressed as her heroine in a gorgeous red satin dress.
scar-faced (adj)	/ˈskɑːfeɪst/	sfregiato	Blofeld is the terrifying, scar-faced head of SPECTRE.
sight (v)	/saɪt/	avvistare	Monkey Man, as he is known, was sighted earlier this week when local resident, Gladis Webb, suddenly became aware of a strange masked man behind her.
sighting (n) C	/saɪtɪŋ/	avvistamento	In other reported sightings , Monkey Man has helped motorists change their tyres, helped old ladies across the street and put rubbish in the rubbish bins.
slimy (adj)	/slæmi/	viscido	He will not be free until he has dealt with the slimy villain.
soulmate (n) C	/ˈsəʊl,met/	anima gemella	When an impressionable young adolescent believes that his or her celebrity hero is their ' soulmate ', there is serious cause for concern.
spacecraft (n) C	/ˈspeɪs,kraːft/	astronave	Blofeld hijacks Russian and American spacecraft .

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spine-chilling (adj)	/spainˌtʃɪlɪŋ/	agghiacciante	His spine-chilling voice has convinced thousands to follow him.
spit (v)	/spɪt/	sputare	Footballers often behave like pigs – spitting , swearing, starting fights.
staff (n) U	/stɑːf/	personale, staff	The staff were pleased to hear they could all expect a pay increase.
stressed out (adj)	/strest aʊt/	stressato	There must have been a lot of stressed out city drivers answering that survey!
superhero (n) C	/suːpəˈhɪrəʊ/	supereroe	The Tunbridge superhero came to the rescue of a young woman in the town centre.
superhuman (adj)	/suːpəˈhjuːmən/	sovrumano	Are there any of these superhuman powers that you would not like to have?
tax declaration (n) C	/tæks ˌdekləˈreɪʃn/	dichiarazione dei redditi	You are one day late with your annual tax declaration .
thug (n) C	/θʌɡ/	teppista	Steve thinks that footballers can be arrogant, obnoxious thugs .
tick tock (n s)	/tɪk tɒk/	tic tac	‘ Tick tock ’ is the sound a clock makes.
trick (n) C	/trɪk/	trucco	He uses every trick in the book to lure Peter to a painful death.
triumph (v)	/traɪˈʌmf/	trionfare	The adventures of Superman, Batman and the Justice League became particularly popular during the Second World War, with their stories of good triumphing over evil.
tyre (n) C	/taɪə/	pneumatico	Monkey Man has helped motorists change their tyres .
underpants (n pl)	/ʌndəˈpænts/	mutande	The masked man wore an orange suit, brown underpants and a cape.
unquestionably (adv)	/ʌnˈkwestʃ(ə)nəbli/	indubbiamente	The syndrome is unquestionably fuelled by the media’s own obsession with celebrities.
update (n) C	/ʌpˈdeɪt/	aggiornamento	And finally, we turn to an update on the story of the Tunbridge Wells superhero.
vengeance (n) U	/ˈvendʒəns/	vendetta	Robin Hood returns to England vowing vengeance .
villain (n) C	/ˈvɪlən/	cattivo, furfante	The Sheriff’s cutting British accent marks him out as the perfect villain .
vindictive (adj)	/vɪnˈdɪktɪv/	vendicativo	Despite all the stories to the contrary, traffic wardens are not vindictive .
vow (v)	/vaʊ/	giurare	Robin Hood returns to England vowing vengeance.
walk the plank	/wɔːk ðə ˈplæŋk/	camminare a occhi bendati su un asse sporgente in mare	He dreams of making them all walk the plank off his pirate ship.