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Words Followed by
Appropriate Prepositions

1. **Abide by** a promise, a decision — *to stick to it*: Once you have made a promise, you ought to abide by it.
2. **Abstain from** — *to keep away from, to avoid, especially strong drinks*: The doctor advised the patient to abstain from liquor.
3. **Accompanied with something**: Rain was accompanied with a hailstorm.
4. **Accompanied by a person**: The Principal was accompanied by the entire staff.
5. **Acquit of** — *to free from*: There was no evidence against him, so he was acquitted of the charge of theft.
6. **Add to** — *to increase*: Giving up your job at this time will add to your problems.
7. **Addicted to** — *to be strongly inclined to something bad*: Those who are addicted to hard drinks lose their health fast.
8. **Appoint a person to a post**: Mr Verma was appointed to the post of the manager.
9. **Approve of**: Everybody approved of my plan to join an engineering college.
10. **Ask for**: Go to the top floor and ask for Mr Chopra.
11. **Aspire to/after** — *to have an ambition for*: Even as a child, Sachin aspired to/after becoming a cricketer.
12. **Avenge on/upon**: The son vowed to avenge himself on the murderers of his father.
13. **Award to**: A prize was awarded to him for having won the judo championship.
14. **Banish from** — *to expel*: Those who had plotted against the king were banished from the kingdom.
15. **Beware of** — *to be aware about*: Beware of the flatterers and the backbiters.
16. **Capable of**: If these sportswomen are guided properly, they are capable of giving a much better performance.
17. **Cling to** — *to stick to*: As long as you do not get a better job, you should cling to the one you are holding now.
18. **Coincide with** — *to accord with*: On this issue, his views do not coincide with mine.
19. **Commence on** — *to begin on*: Our annual examination commences on 15th March.
20. **Compare with** (used with things belonging to the same class): Compare Swift with Spark in terms of fuel efficiency.
21. **Compare to** (used for dissimilar things): Life may be compared to a dream.
22. **Compete with a person for something**: Twenty candidates competed with one another for the first prize.
23. **Composed of** — *made up of*: Water is composed of hydrogen and oxygen.
24. **Condemn a person to imprisonment, death, etc., for a crime**: He was condemned to two years' imprisonment for selling fake degrees.

25. **Confident of:** He was confident of his success in the annual examination.
26. **Conscious of — aware of:** I am fully conscious of my weaknesses.
27. **Consist of — to be made up of:** This committee consists of six members besides the chairman.
28. **Consist in — to lie in:** Happiness consists not in money but in contentment.
29. **Contented with — satisfied with:** If you are contented with what you have, you will be peaceful at heart.
30. **Contrary to — opposed to:** Contrary to our expectations, ten students of our class got A1 in all the subjects.
31. **Contribute to — to give something away to help a cause:** My father often contributes to funds meant for the welfare of children.
32. **Control over:** We should always have control over the words we speak.
33. **Convenient to — 'convenient' means suitable and easy:** You may come to see me at any time convenient to you.
34. **Convey to:** When the news of the kidnapping was conveyed to the father, he fell down unconscious.
35. **Count on — to depend on:** I don't count on the help of my friends; I always try to do my work myself.
36. **Deprive of — to prevent someone from having or doing something:** We were deprived of our trip to the mountains because of bad weather.
37. **Desire for:** A saint has no desire for worldly pleasures.
38. **Desirous of — to have a desire for:** I am desirous of getting an engineering degree from Japan.
39. **Despair of — to have a feeling of hopelessness:** He began to despair of ever finding a good job.
40. **Devote to — to give to:** I devote all my spare time to learning computers. To be devoted to is to be *faithful to*: We should all be devoted to the idea of communal harmony.
41. **Differ from — to be unlike:** Ice differs from snow. (things differ from each other)
42. **Differ with — to disagree with:** I differ with my father on the value of television programmes.
43. **Differ on/over — to disagree on some point, issue:** The Principal and the Vice-Principal differ on/over most of the issues.
44. **Distinguish between, from — to distinguish is to tell the difference:** We distinguish between two things. We distinguish one thing from another: Very few people can distinguish between right and wrong. Can you distinguish a metal from a non-metal?
45. **Eligible for — fit to be selected for:** Only science graduates are eligible for this post.
46. **Engaged to — to get engaged is to promise to marry:** My sister has recently got engaged to a chartered accountant.
47. **Engaged in — taking part in; being busy in:** Next week we shall be engaged in rehearsals.
48. **Envious of — feeling unhappy because one wants to get something somebody else has:** Feeling envious of her cousin because of her brilliant result, she also started working very hard.