

afraid: We use it with of + noun, of + -ing form, a to-infinitive or a that-clause:

We only use afraid after a verb such as be, seem, become, not before a noun (predicatively):

The man is afraid of the mouse. 남자는 쥐를 무서워한다.

I am afraid I don't agree with you. 유감이지만 동의할 수 없습니다.

I'm afraid I'll get fat. 부을까봐 걱정된다.

I was afraid of wounding her pride.[=I was afraid (that) I might wound her pride.]

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## "afraid to + verb" vs. "afraid of + noun/gerund"

In general, we say afraid to do (using the to-infinitive) to talk about the real action we are afraid to do. (사실에 대한)

We say afraid of doing (using of+gerund) to talk about other possible actions that may happen which would make us feel afraid. (있을지도 모를 가능성에 대한)

### 1. afraid to do

She is afraid to speak in front of all those people.

(She doesn't want to speak in front of all those people because she's afraid.)

A lot of people are afraid to go out at night.

(=they don't want to go out because it is dangerous - so they don't go out)

### 2. afraid of doing

She is afraid of saying something wrong.

(She is afraid because she might say something wrong.)

He was afraid of something happening.

(= It is possible that something bad will happen (for example, an accident).)

We do not use afraid of -ing for things we do intentionally.

The sidewalk was icy, so we walked very carefully. We were afraid of falling.

(= it was possible that we would fall).

I don't like dogs. I'm always afraid of being bitten.

(not "I'm always afraid to be bitten")