container of flour

1. Keep the meaning constant; head meaning determines what its complements are
2. Keep the preposition and the head constant

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One replacement

1. Enough context to show WHAT is being replaced in the example
2. the candidate complement is present
3. Make sure the head you are interested in is being replaced

Examples good and bad

the one of flour  no  not enough context
the container of water is heavier than the one of flour  yes
* a container of water is heavier than a one of flour  no  a one is always bad
* this container of water is heavier than that one  no  candidate complement missing
Reordering/Adjacency

1. Both complements and adjuncts CAN occur beside a head. (so adjacency alone shows nothing)

2. Only adjuncts can be separated from the head by an adjunct

3. intervener MUST be a modifier of *container*

Examples good and bad. I assume *with the zinc lid* is an adjunct. (a) and (b) together best (minimal pair!).

(a) the container of flour with the zinc lid shows nothing by itself

(b) ?? the container with the zinc lid of flour ok
Reordering/Adjacency II

1. the container of flour with the glass lid
   Shows *with the glass lid* is an adjunct
   Shows nothing about *of flour*

2. *the container with the glass lid of flour*
   Shows *of flour* is a complement
   Shows nothing about *with the glass lid*
Conjunction

1.

* the container of flour and with the glass lid Shows *with the glass lid* is an adjunct assuming *of flour* is a complkement
Iterability

1. * the container of flour of salt
   Shows * of flour is a complement

2. the container with a wide mouth with a glass lid
   Shows with a glass lid is an adjunct

3. NOTICE: the container of flour and of salt