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Preposition of movement

Preposition – word or a group of words used before a noun or a pronoun to show direction, time, place, location or to introduce an object.

Preposition of direction / movement

– prepositions of movement are

across

through

into

over

down

up

past

around

These prepositions add specific context (statement or idea) to the movement.



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Across / through

ACROSS is the movement from one side of the area to another side.

There is a bridge across the river.



THROUGH is the movement from one side to another side in an enclosed space.

The train went through the dark tunnel.



Into / out of

INTO: It denotes going from outside to inside space.

He dived into the pool.



OUT OF: It denotes going outside from an enclosed space.

The employee was thrown out of the office.



Onto / off

ONTO & OFF refer to surfaces.

Use ONTO to denote movement from down to up.



The toddler is trying to get onto the chair.



Use OFF to denote movement from up to down.



The boy fell off the tree.



Up / down

Both these refer to physical movement.

The man is climbing up the stairs.

The boy is going down the slide.



They can also denote increase & decrease.

The price of petrol always goes up and seldom comes down.

Around / along

AROUND is going in a circular motion .

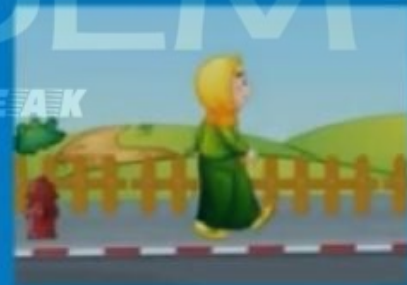
The python coiled around the branch.



ALONG is following a line.

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The woman is walking along the foot path.



Towards / away from

TOWARDS : use it when the object is closer to something.

The boy ran towards his mom.



AWAY FROM: use it to denote when the object is farther from something.

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The ship sailed away from the shore.



across – when referring to movement from one side to another.

Ex: i) The ball rolled **across** the field.

ii) He swam **across** the lake yesterday.

through – when referring to movement from inside to outside or outside to inside.

Ex: i) The baseball went **through** the window.

ii) The train goes **through** a tunnel under the hill.

iii) The bullet went straight **through** him.

into – when referring to movement that enters or looks inside.

Ex: i) He went **into** the haunted building.

ii) He got **into** the car and closed the door.

iii) Priya swam **into** the water to rescue the dog.

over – extending directly upwards from

Ex: i) The car travelled **over** the slippery road.

ii) There were papers lying all **over** the place.

down – in a lower place.

Ex: i) She fell down.

ii) He watched the sun go **down**.

iii) The rocks rolled **down** the mountain.

up – at a higher point.

Ex: i) She went **up** the stairs.

ii) The man climbed **up** the mountain.

iii) The balloon is **up** in the air.

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past – beyond (away)

Ex: i) I walked **past** the school.

ii) Months went **past** and nothing

happened.

around – movements in circles or from one place to another.

Ex: i) We sat **around** the table.

ii) She wore a scarf **around** her neck.

iii) I walked **around** the side of the building.



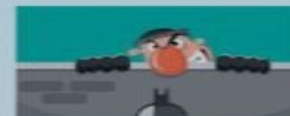
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PREPOSITIONS OF MOVEMENT

CHOOSE THE CORRECT OPTION.



- When the class finished, I opened the door and walked _____ the room.
a) through b) along c) out of
- Celia jumped _____ the rock _____ the water.
a) off / into b) under / across c) into / down
- Megan came _____ the house and started to cook dinner.
a) out of b) into c) over
- When I was younger, I fell _____ my bike many times.
a) through b) off c) up
- I don't enjoy mountain biking. I get really tired when I ride _____ the hills.
a) along b) into c) up
- The thief jumped _____ the fence and tried to enter the house.
a) over b) through c) across
- Don't walk _____ a ladder. It's bad luck!
a) across b) over c) under
- We walked _____ the town and took some photographs.
a) along b) around c) across
- Peter swam _____ the river to the other side.
a) along b) around c) across
- Steve took a key _____ his pocket and opened the door.
a) off b) out of c) up
- We didn't have a key, so we climbed _____ a window _____ the house.
a) through/into b) into/across c) over/into
- She walked quietly _____ the corridor to take the elevator.
a) along b) under c) off
- My little brother loves climbing _____ trees.
a) along b) over c) up
- He decided to climb _____ the hill because it was getting dark.
a) down b) under c) off
- They walked _____ the forest and arrived at a beautiful waterfall.
a) off b) through c) over



PREPOSITIONS OF MOVEMENT

Fill in the blanks with into, onto, over, around, up, out of, across, off or through



I want to travel all the world and see all countries.



Samuel is jumping the obstacle.



Mr. Bennett is driving the tunnel.



Mrs. Hamilton is climbing the stairs.



The students are going the classroom.



A strawberry cake is going to fall the bear's head.



The man is about to fall a rock.



The young soldier wants to jump the wall.



A policeman is helping the man go the street.



The boys are going the tube and having fun.

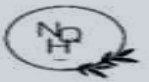


Mr. Fox is going the tent to have some sleep.



The cowboy is going to fall the horse.

PREPOSITIONS OF MOVEMENTS



What are they doing?

Choose the words in the box to complete the sentences.

INTO

OVER

ACROSS

UNDER

THROUGH

1. They are looking _____ a window.



2. She is walking _____ the bridge.

3. He is jumping _____ the bar.



4. The cat is crawling _____ the table.



5. The ball is going _____ the hoop.

7. They are jumping _____ the river.



8. She is walking _____ the forest.



9. The cow is jumping _____ the moon.

10. The children are walking _____ the road.



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- it indicates the direction in which something or someone is moving.

- the most common preposition of movement is

to

Ex – She went to the beach on Sunday morning.

- Dad went to the park to play ball with the kids.

- He sent a message to his mother.

- He drove to Delhi in 10 hours.



across



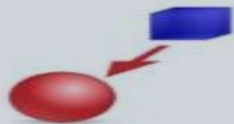
against



along



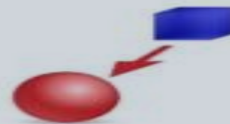
around



away (from)



down



from



in(to)



off (of)



on(to)



out (of)



over



through



to



toward(s)



under



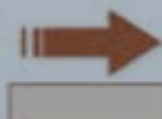
up

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**TO**

I took them **to** the beach.
I'd like to go **to** the cinema.

**ALONG**

We walked quietly **along** the beach.
I ran **along** a narrow path.

**FROM**

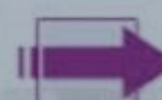
She comes **from** Japan.
I ran **from** home to the gym.

**THROUGH**

They drove **through** the tunnel.
I ran **through** the trees.

**INTO**

I walked quickly **into** the room.
Get **into** the car.

**ACROSS**

Jessica swam **across** the river.
I ran **across** the street

**OUT OF**

I saw them get **out of** a taxi.
They ran **out of** the room.

**TOWARDS**

He got up and walked **towards** me.
We ran **towards** the sea.

**ON**

I was late and got **on** the first bus.
Put the money **on** the table.

**OVER**

He jumped **over** the fence.
We flew **over** the mountains.

**OFF**

The cat jumped **off** the table.
He fell **off** his bike and got hurt.

**UNDER**

It's bad luck to walk **under** a ladder.
We drove **under** the bridge.

**UP**

They all went **up** the hill.
He ran **up** the stairs.

**AROUND**

I went **around** the corner and saw it.
The moon goes **around** the earth.

**DOWN**

I rode my bike **down** the mountain.
We went **down** the stairs.

**PAST**

He walked **past** us without seeing us.
The police drove **past** our building.