

# PREPOSITIONS OF MOVEMENT

**Prepositions of movement** show movement from one place to another place. These prepositions always describe movement and we usually use them with verbs of motion. The most common preposition of movement is the preposition 'to', which describes movement in the direction of something, for instance: 'How do you go **to** work?'

PREPOSITION	EXPLANATION	EXAMPLE
<b>TO</b>	Used to indicate a destination or direction.	The boys go <b>to</b> school in groups.
<b>TOWARD(S)</b>	In the direction of someone or something.	She pushed her face <b>towards</b> him.
<b>THROUGH</b>	Movement from one side to another but "in something", such as long grass or a forest.	David walked slowly <b>through</b> the woods.
<b>INTO</b>	Movement that enters a space, usually with a verb that expresses movement.	Don't put new wine <b>into</b> old bottles.
<b>OVER</b>	Movement at a higher level than something else	He jumped <b>over</b> the wall.
<b>ACROSS</b>	Movement from one side of something to the opposite side (road, river).	The truck skidded sideways <b>across</b> the road.
<b>ALONG</b>	Movement of something in a line that follows the side of something long.	We went for a walk <b>along</b> the beach at twilight.
<b>FROM</b>	The place where someone or something starts.	What time does the flight <b>from</b> Korea arrive?
<b>AROUND</b>	Movement in circles or in the vicinity of something	Her hair whipped <b>around</b> her face in the wind.
<b>ONTO</b>	Movement to a position on a surface	I slipped as I stepped <b>onto</b> the platform.
<b>UP</b>	Movement to a higher position.	She doesn't like riding her bike <b>up</b> these hills.
<b>DOWN</b>	Indicates movement to a lower position	It's easier to run <b>down</b> the hill than go up.

# Exercise

The sentences below describe the picture. Look at the picture and change the underlined words which are wrong. Tick (✓) the underlined words which are correct.

- ▶ There is a TV under *on*..... the table.
- ▶ There is a dog on ✓..... the floor.
- 1 The dog is behind ..... the table.
- 2 The cat is next to ..... the flowers.
- 3 The keys are next to ..... the flowers.
- 4 The flowers are in ..... the vase.
- 5 There is a big book in front of ..... the flowers.
- 6 There is a picture under ..... the table.
- 7 The cat is above ..... the table.
- 8 There is a bird on ..... a cage.



# Answer Key

The sentences below describe the picture. Look at the picture and change the underlined words which are wrong. Tick (✓) the underlined words which are correct.

- ▶ There is a TV under ~~on~~..... the table.
- ▶ There is a dog on ✓..... the floor.
- 1 The dog is behind **under**..... the table.
- 2 The cat is next to **near**..... the flowers.
- 3 The keys are next to ✓..... the flowers.
- 4 The flowers are in ✓..... the vase.
- 5 There is a big book in front of **behind**..... the flowers.
- 6 There is a picture under **behind**..... the table.
- 7 The cat is above **on**..... the table.
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