

EXPRESSING MOVEMENT

Main theme addressed	In this lesson, you will learn about the rules you have to follow when expressing the movement.
Key Goals	Here is an outline of what you will learn today: 1. Prepositions of movement

- When expressing movement in English, we use different prepositions of movement. They express **movement from one place to another place**.
- The most common preposition of movement is the **preposition 'to'** - it describes movement in the direction of something.

Examples:

I travelled to Spain last month.

Are you coming to my birthday party?

Did you go to the dentist yesterday?

1. Prepositions of movement

PREPOSITION	DEFINITION	EXAMPLE
ACROSS	movement from one side to the other side	It was impossible to get across the street.
AROUND	passing something in a curved route	There was a road construction, so we had to pass around that street to get to work.
AWAY FROM	distancing from where a movement begins	They slowly moved away from the bomb.
DOWN	movement from a higher point to a lower point	We went down the hill to get to his house.
FROM	indicating the point where a movement begins	We started our trip from Paris.
INTO	movement to an enclosed space	He drove straight into pile of wood.
OFF	movement away from something	The glass fell off the table and broke.
ON TO / ONTO	movement to the top surface of something	He climbed onto the terrace of the building.
OUT OF	indicating the enclosed space where a movement begins	We went out of the office to get some fresh air.

PREPOSITION	DEFINITION	EXAMPLE
OVER	movement above and across the top or top surface of something	The birds flew over the tree and crashed into the house.
PAST	movement from one side to the other side of something	Just go past these buildings and you will find the bank at the end of the street.
TO	movement in the direction of something	I drive to work by car every day.
THROUGH	movement in one side and out of the other side of something	He had to go through the tunnel to escape.
TOWARDS	movement in the direction of something	When we were walking towards the building, it collapsed.
UNDER	movement below something	The tunnel went under the house so you could not see it from outside.
UP	movement from a lower point to a higher point	We went up the hill and soon we reached the top.

Exercise:

Fill in the sentences with a suitable preposition of movement.

1. The man fell _____ the cliff and killed himself.
2. Move _____ _____ the tree! It is going to fall.
3. The basement is _____ the living room, so it is very cold and dark.
4. He went _____ Madrid by plane.

Answers:

1. off
2. away from
3. under
4. to

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