

Prepositions of movement

Hello and welcome back, in this lesson we will be revising prepositions and in particular prepositions of movement. We will use our understanding of prepositions and see how they work within sentences.

PREPOSITIONS OF MOVEMENT



across



around



away
from



down



Into



off



onto



out



over



past



through



toward



under



up

What is a preposition of movement?

Prepositions of movement identify where an object or person is moving, normally compared to another object or person.

To/towards

The preposition *to* indicates movement with the aim of a specific destination, which can be a place or an event.

I'm travelling to France.



I need to go to the Post Office.



Through and into

The preposition *through* refers to movement within a space which can be thought of as three-dimensional.

They couldn't get the new sofa through the door.



We drove through some spectacular countryside.



Across, over and along

The prepositions *across* and *over* are used to talk about movement from one side of a place to another. They usually refer to movement in relation to places which can be thought of as two-dimensional, such as surfaces (e.g. a lawn) or lines (e.g. a river).

I'll jump over the wall.



The aircraft flew low over the lake.



***In* and *on* as prepositions of movement**

The core function of the preposition *in* is as an indicator of the position of something in relation to the three-dimensional space that surrounds it.

They were having a picnic *in* the park.



I've left my bag *in* the office.



The money is *in* the top drawer of my desk.



Even though these prepositions are more commonly used for placement, they can also be used to identify movement.

The plane flew above.



The water flowed under the bridge.



The ball rolled below me.

