

PREPOSITIONS OF MOVEMENT

A2 | Teens / Adults | Grammar Practice | 35-45 minutes

Learn and practise | Describe routes and movement from one place to another.

1. READ: A shortcut to the cafe

Read the conversation. Notice the bold movement phrases.

Jo: Is the cafe far from here?

Max: No. Walk **across the road** at the crossing, then go **through the park**.

Jo: Do I follow the path beside the lake?

Max: Yes. Walk **past the playground**, then turn left.

Jo: And the cafe's there?

Max: You'll see it on your right. Go **into the cafe** and I'll meet you inside.

2. GRAMMAR: Paths and changes of place

Use movement prepositions after verbs such as go, walk, run and come to describe a route.

Preposition	Meaning	Example
into / out of	Enter / leave	go into a shop; come out of it
across / through	From side to side / via inside	across a road; through a tunnel
along / past	Follow a line / go beyond	along a path; past a shop

To gives a destination: walk **to the station**. **Into** means entering: walk **into the station**.

In usually describes position; **into** describes entry.

Out of has two words: She came **out of the shop**.

A. CHOOSE

Circle the correct phrase. The example answer is bold: She entered the room: she walked **into** / out of it.

1. He left the shop: he came into / out of it.
2. We used the tunnel: we walked through / across it.
3. She crossed the road: she walked across / along it.
4. Follow this path: walk along / out of it.
5. Go beyond the bank: walk past / into it.
6. The station is our destination: we're walking to / out of it.
7. He entered the building: he went into / past it.
8. She left the room: she walked out of / along it.

Read each answer aloud. Check the subject, the noun or the clue.

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Use it | Complete a context, write sentences and speak with a partner.

B. COMPLETE: A route to the sports centre

Use each phrase once: across, along, into, out of, past, through.

Use the main exit to leave: walk (1) _____ the station.

Use the crossing to get to the other side: walk (2) _____ the road.

Follow the path beside the river: walk (3) _____ it for five minutes.

Go beyond the playground without stopping: walk (4) _____ it.

Take the tunnel under the railway: walk (5) _____ it.

The sports centre is on the right. Enter through the door: go (6) _____ the building.

C. CHANGE THE SENTENCES

1-2: Correct the preposition to match the meaning.

Example: She left the room: she walked into it. **She walked out of it.**

1. She entered: she walked out of the shop.

2. He used a tunnel: he walked across it.

3-4: Write one sentence using the word in brackets. Example: He crossed the road. (across) **He walked across the road.**

3. We followed the path. (along)

4. They went beyond the cafe. (past)

D. WRITE ABOUT YOU

Write three sentences describing a short route you know. Use three different movement prepositions.

Example: **Walk across the road. Go through the park. Walk past the cafe.**

E. SPEAK WITH A PARTNER

1. Give directions from a station to a cafe. Include **across**, **along** and **past**.

2. Your partner draws a simple route. Describe it with movement phrases.

Check: **Do I go through the park or past it?**

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Answer key | Keep this page separate during student practice.

1. READ: A shortcut to the cafe

Sample target language from the conversation:

Max: No. Walk **across the road** at the crossing, then go **through the park**.

Max: Yes. Walk **past the playground**, then turn left.

Max: You'll see it on your right. Go **into the cafe** and I'll meet you inside.

A. CHOOSE

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| 1. out of | 2. through |
| 3. across | 4. along |
| 5. past | 6. to |
| 7. into | 8. out of |

B. COMPLETE: A route to the sports centre

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| 1. out of | 2. across |
| 3. along | 4. past |
| 5. through | 6. into |

C. CHANGE THE SENTENCES

1. She walked into the shop.
2. He walked through it.
3. We walked along the path.
4. They walked past the cafe.

D. WRITE ABOUT YOU / E. SPEAK

Personal answers will vary. Check the target grammar.

Sample: Walk across the road. Go through the park. Walk past the cafe.

Teacher note: Prepositions depend on the route and viewpoint. The wording supplies the intended direction in A/B. C1-2 may use either a full explanatory sentence or the corrected action only. Accept suitable movement verbs in C3-4. Out of is taught as a two-word phrase.