Prepositions of movement and direction

Use to for a destination and towards for direction.

Use **to** when someone reaches or intends a destination. Use **towards** when they move in its direction; arrival is not implied. In American English, toward is also common.

Worked example

We went **to** the station. We walked **towards** the exit.

Complete each English sentence with to or towards.

01. Ava fue a la estación.
Ava went _____ the station.

02. Ava fue a la biblioteca.
Ava went _____ the library.

03. Ava fue al mercado.
Ava went _____ the market.

04. Ava fue al hotel.
Ava went _____ the hotel.

05. Caminamos hacia el refugio sin saber si llegaríamos antes del anochecer.
We walked _____ the shelter without knowing if we would arrive before dark.

06. Caminamos hacia el pueblo sin saber si llegaríamos antes del anochecer.
We walked _____ the village without knowing if we would arrive before dark.

07. Caminamos hacia la costa sin saber si llegaríamos antes del anochecer.
We walked _____ the coast without knowing if we would arrive before dark.

08. Caminamos hacia la estación sin saber si llegaríamos antes del anochecer.
We walked _____ the station without knowing if we would arrive before dark.

09. El mensajero llevó el paquete a la oficina.
The courier took the parcel _____ the office.

10. El mensajero llevó el paquete a la recepción.
The courier took the parcel _____ reception.

11. El mensajero llevó el paquete al almacén.
The courier took the parcel _____ the warehouse.

12. El mensajero llevó el paquete a la dirección indicada.
The courier took the parcel _____ the address on the label.

13. El perro corrió hacia la puerta cuando oyó mi voz.
The dog ran _____ the door when it heard my voice.

14. El perro corrió hacia el jardín cuando oyó mi voz.
The dog ran _____ the garden when it heard my voice.

15. El perro corrió hacia la cocina cuando oyó mi voz.
The dog ran _____ the kitchen when it heard my voice.

16. El perro corrió hacia su dueño cuando oyó mi voz.
The dog ran _____ its owner when it heard my voice.

17. El autobús nos llevó al centro de la ciudad.
The bus took us _____ the city centre.

18. El autobús nos llevó al aeropuerto.
The bus took us _____ the airport.

19. El autobús nos llevó a la estación.
The bus took us _____ the station.

20. El autobús nos llevó a nuestro hotel.
The bus took us _____ our hotel.

To or towards?

Continue. Complete only the gap in English.

21. La multitud avanzó lentamente hacia la salida.
The crowd moved slowly _____ the exit.

22. La multitud avanzó lentamente hacia el escenario.
The crowd moved slowly _____ the stage.

23. La multitud avanzó lentamente hacia la plaza.
The crowd moved slowly _____ the square.

24. La multitud avanzó lentamente hacia la entrada.
The crowd moved slowly _____ the entrance.

25. Después de comer, volvieron a la oficina.
After lunch, they went back _____ the office.

26. Después de comer, volvieron al colegio.
After lunch, they went back _____ school.

27. Después de comer, volvieron a casa.
After lunch, they went back _____ home.

28. Después de comer, volvieron al trabajo.
After lunch, they went back _____ work.

29. El ciclista se desvió hacia una calle más tranquila para evitar el tráfico.
The cyclist turned _____ a quieter street to avoid the traffic.

30. El ciclista se desvió hacia el camino del río para evitar el tráfico.
The cyclist turned _____ the riverside path to avoid the traffic.

31. El ciclista se desvió hacia la plaza para evitar el tráfico.
The cyclist turned _____ the square to avoid the traffic.

32. El ciclista se desvió hacia la carretera secundaria para evitar el tráfico.
The cyclist turned _____ the side road to avoid the traffic.

33. Por fin llegamos a la cima.
At last, we got _____ the top.

34. Por fin llegamos al campamento.
At last, we got _____ the campsite.

35. Por fin llegamos a la playa.
At last, we got _____ the beach.

36. Por fin llegamos al pueblo.
At last, we got _____ the village.

37. La niña dio unos pasos hacia su madre.
The girl took a few steps _____ her mother.

38. La niña dio unos pasos hacia la ventana.
The girl took a few steps _____ the window.

39. La niña dio unos pasos hacia la puerta.
The girl took a few steps _____ the door.

40. La niña dio unos pasos hacia el perro.
The girl took a few steps _____ the dog.

Answer key

Complete sentences. The word or phrase that completes the gap is in bold.

01. Ava went **to** the station.
02. Ava went **to** the library.
03. Ava went **to** the market.
04. Ava went **to** the hotel.
05. We walked **towards** the shelter without knowing if we would arrive before dark.
06. We walked **towards** the village without knowing if we would arrive before dark.
07. We walked **towards** the coast without knowing if we would arrive before dark.
08. We walked **towards** the station without knowing if we would arrive before dark.
09. The courier took the parcel **to** the office.
10. The courier took the parcel **to** reception.
11. The courier took the parcel **to** the warehouse.
12. The courier took the parcel **to** the address on the label.
13. The dog ran **towards** the door when it heard my voice.
14. The dog ran **towards** the garden when it heard my voice.
15. The dog ran **towards** the kitchen when it heard my voice.
16. The dog ran **towards** its owner when it heard my voice.
17. The bus took us **to** the city centre.
18. The bus took us **to** the airport.
19. The bus took us **to** the station.
20. The bus took us **to** our hotel.
21. The crowd moved slowly **towards** the exit.
22. The crowd moved slowly **towards** the stage.
23. The crowd moved slowly **towards** the square.
24. The crowd moved slowly **towards** the entrance.
25. After lunch, they went back **to** the office.
26. After lunch, they went back **to** school.
27. After lunch, they went back **to** home.
28. After lunch, they went back **to** work.
29. The cyclist turned **towards** a quieter street to avoid the traffic.
30. The cyclist turned **towards** the riverside path to avoid the traffic.
31. The cyclist turned **towards** the square to avoid the traffic.
32. The cyclist turned **towards** the side road to avoid the traffic.
33. At last, we got **to** the top.
34. At last, we got **to** the campsite.
35. At last, we got **to** the beach.
36. At last, we got **to** the village.
37. The girl took a few steps **towards** her mother.
38. The girl took a few steps **towards** the window.
39. The girl took a few steps **towards** the door.
40. The girl took a few steps **towards** the dog.