Prepositions of movement and direction

Choose the preposition that matches entry, exit or contact with a surface.

Use **into** for movement inside, **out of** for movement outside, **onto** for movement to a surface and **off** for movement away from one.

Worked example

The bird flew **into** the room and then out **of** the window.

Complete each gap with the correct movement preposition.

01. El pájaro entró volando en la habitación.
The bird flew _____ the room.

02. El pájaro entró volando en el garaje.
The bird flew _____ the garage.

03. El pájaro entró volando en el cobertizo.
The bird flew _____ the shed.

04. El pájaro entró volando en el invernadero.
The bird flew _____ the greenhouse.

05. Saqué las pilas gastadas del mando a distancia.
I took the old batteries _____ the remote control.

06. Saqué las pilas gastadas de la radio.
I took the old batteries _____ the radio.

07. Saqué las pilas gastadas de la linterna.
I took the old batteries _____ the torch.

08. Saqué las pilas gastadas del reloj.
I took the old batteries _____ the clock.

09. El gato saltó encima de la valla.
The cat jumped _____ the fence.

10. El gato saltó encima del muro.
The cat jumped _____ the wall.

11. El gato saltó a la mesa.
The cat jumped _____ the table.

12. El gato saltó al tejado.
The cat jumped _____ the roof.

13. La taza se cayó de la mesa.
The mug fell _____ the table.

14. La taza se cayó del estante.
The mug fell _____ the shelf.

15. La taza se cayó de la encimera.
The mug fell _____ the counter.

16. La taza se cayó de la bandeja.
The mug fell _____ the tray.

17. Vertió el zumo en un vaso.
She poured the juice _____ a glass.

18. Vertió el zumo en una jarra.
She poured the juice _____ a jug.

19. Vertió el zumo en una botella.
She poured the juice _____ a bottle.

20. Vertió el zumo en una taza.
She poured the juice _____ a cup.

Entering and leaving

Continue. Complete only the gap in English.

21. Los pasajeros bajaron del autobús.
The passengers got _____ the bus.

22. Los pasajeros bajaron del tren.
The passengers got _____ the train.

23. Los pasajeros bajaron del avión.
The passengers got _____ the plane.

24. Los pasajeros bajaron del barco.
The passengers got _____ the ship.

25. Colocamos las cajas sobre la mesa.
We put the boxes _____ the table.

26. Colocamos las cajas sobre el carro.
We put the boxes _____ the trolley.

27. Colocamos las cajas en el estante.
We put the boxes _____ the shelf.

28. Colocamos las cajas en la plataforma.
We put the boxes _____ the platform.

29. El ciclista se cayó de la bicicleta.
The cyclist fell _____ the bicycle.

30. El ciclista se cayó del caballo.
The cyclist fell _____ the horse.

31. El ciclista se cayó del muro bajo.
The cyclist fell _____ the low wall.

32. El ciclista se cayó de la escalera.
The cyclist fell _____ the ladder.

33. El niño saltó a la piscina para refrescarse.
The boy jumped _____ the swimming pool to cool off.

34. El niño saltó al lago para refrescarse.
The boy jumped _____ the lake to cool off.

35. El niño saltó al mar para refrescarse.
The boy jumped _____ the sea to cool off.

36. El niño saltó al río para refrescarse.
The boy jumped _____ the river to cool off.

37. El zorro salió corriendo del bosque.
The fox ran _____ the forest.

38. El zorro salió corriendo del granero.
The fox ran _____ the barn.

39. El zorro salió corriendo del jardín.
The fox ran _____ the garden.

40. El zorro salió corriendo del túnel.
The fox ran _____ the tunnel.

Answer key

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

01. The bird flew **into** the room.
02. The bird flew **into** the garage.
03. The bird flew **into** the shed.
04. The bird flew **into** the greenhouse.
05. I took the old batteries **out of** the remote control.
06. I took the old batteries **out of** the radio.
07. I took the old batteries **out of** the torch.
08. I took the old batteries **out of** the clock.
09. The cat jumped **onto** the fence.
10. The cat jumped **onto** the wall.
11. The cat jumped **onto** the table.
12. The cat jumped **onto** the roof.
13. The mug fell **off** the table.
14. The mug fell **off** the shelf.
15. The mug fell **off** the counter.
16. The mug fell **off** the tray.
17. She poured the juice **into** a glass.
18. She poured the juice **into** a jug.
19. She poured the juice **into** a bottle.
20. She poured the juice **into** a cup.
21. The passengers got **off** the bus.
22. The passengers got **off** the train.
23. The passengers got **off** the plane.
24. The passengers got **off** the ship.
25. We put the boxes **onto** the table.
26. We put the boxes **onto** the trolley.
27. We put the boxes **onto** the shelf.
28. We put the boxes **onto** the platform.
29. The cyclist fell **off** the bicycle.
30. The cyclist fell **off** the horse.
31. The cyclist fell **off** the low wall.
32. The cyclist fell **off** the ladder.
33. The boy jumped **into** the swimming pool to cool off.
34. The boy jumped **into** the lake to cool off.
35. The boy jumped **into** the sea to cool off.
36. The boy jumped **into** the river to cool off.
37. The fox ran **out of** the forest.
38. The fox ran **out of** the barn.
39. The fox ran **out of** the garden.
40. The fox ran **out of** the tunnel.