Prepositions of movement and direction

These words describe movement in relation to obstacles, levels and routes.

Use **over** above an obstacle, **under** below it, **up/down** for direction on a slope or stairs, and **around** for a route encircling something.

Worked example

We walked **up** the hill and **down** the other side.

Complete each gap with the correct movement word.

01. El avión voló por encima de las montañas.
The plane flew _____ the mountains.

02. El avión voló sobre el valle.
The plane flew _____ the valley.

03. El avión voló por encima de la costa.
The plane flew _____ the coast.

04. El avión voló sobre el bosque.
The plane flew _____ the forest.

05. Pasamos por debajo del puente para llegar al otro lado.
We went _____ the bridge to get to the other side.

06. Pasamos por debajo del arco para llegar al otro lado.
We went _____ the arch to get to the other side.

07. Pasamos por debajo de la pasarela para llegar al otro lado.
We went _____ the walkway to get to the other side.

08. Pasamos por debajo de las ramas para llegar al otro lado.
We went _____ the branches to get to the other side.

09. El excursionista subió cuesta arriba.
The hiker walked _____ the hill.

10. El excursionista subió por la colina.
The hiker walked _____ the slope.

11. El excursionista subió por las escaleras.
The hiker walked _____ the stairs.

12. El excursionista subió por el sendero empinado.
The hiker walked _____ the steep path.

13. La niña bajó corriendo las escaleras.
The girl ran _____ the stairs.

14. La niña bajó corriendo por la colina.
The girl ran _____ the hill.

15. La niña bajó corriendo por la cuesta.
The girl ran _____ the slope.

16. La niña bajó corriendo por el pasillo.
The girl ran _____ the corridor.

17. El caballo saltó por encima de la valla.
The horse jumped _____ the fence.

18. El caballo saltó por encima del obstáculo.
The horse jumped _____ the obstacle.

19. El caballo saltó por encima del tronco.
The horse jumped _____ the log.

20. El caballo saltó por encima de la barrera.
The horse jumped _____ the barrier.

Movement and routes

Continue. Complete only the gap in English.

21. El perro se metió debajo de la mesa para esconderse.
The dog went _____ the table to hide.

22. El perro se metió por debajo de la cama para esconderse.
The dog went _____ the bed to hide.

23. El perro se metió debajo del banco para esconderse.
The dog went _____ the bench to hide.

24. El perro se metió por debajo de la verja para esconderse.
The dog went _____ the gate to hide.

25. Subimos por el camino para llegar al mirador.
We walked _____ the path to reach the viewpoint.

26. Subimos por la cuesta para llegar al mirador.
We walked _____ the slope to reach the viewpoint.

27. Subimos por la escalera de piedra para llegar al mirador.
We walked _____ the stone steps to reach the viewpoint.

28. Subimos por la ladera para llegar al mirador.
We walked _____ the hillside to reach the viewpoint.

29. El agua corría por la pendiente.
The water was flowing _____ the slope.

30. El agua corría cuesta abajo.
The water was flowing _____ the hill.

31. El agua corría por la acequia.
The water was flowing _____ the channel.

32. El agua corría por la ladera.
The water was flowing _____ the hillside.

33. Los turistas pasearon por el casco antiguo.
The tourists walked _____ the old town.

34. Los turistas pasearon alrededor del lago.
The tourists walked _____ the lake.

35. Los turistas pasearon por el jardín.
The tourists walked _____ the garden.

36. Los turistas pasearon alrededor de la muralla.
The tourists walked _____ the city wall.

37. El autobús dio la vuelta a la manzana.
The bus went _____ the block.

38. El autobús dio la vuelta por la rotonda.
The bus went _____ the roundabout.

39. El autobús dio la vuelta alrededor de la plaza.
The bus went _____ the square.

40. El autobús dio la vuelta por el barrio.
The bus went _____ the neighbourhood.

Answer key

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

01. The plane flew **over** the mountains.
02. The plane flew **over** the valley.
03. The plane flew **over** the coast.
04. The plane flew **over** the forest.
05. We went **under** the bridge to get to the other side.
06. We went **under** the arch to get to the other side.
07. We went **under** the walkway to get to the other side.
08. We went **under** the branches to get to the other side.
09. The hiker walked **up** the hill.
10. The hiker walked **up** the slope.
11. The hiker walked **up** the stairs.
12. The hiker walked **up** the steep path.
13. The girl ran **down** the stairs.
14. The girl ran **down** the hill.
15. The girl ran **down** the slope.
16. The girl ran **down** the corridor.
17. The horse jumped **over** the fence.
18. The horse jumped **over** the obstacle.
19. The horse jumped **over** the log.
20. The horse jumped **over** the barrier.
21. The dog went **under** the table to hide.
22. The dog went **under** the bed to hide.
23. The dog went **under** the bench to hide.
24. The dog went **under** the gate to hide.
25. We walked **up** the path to reach the viewpoint.
26. We walked **up** the slope to reach the viewpoint.
27. We walked **up** the stone steps to reach the viewpoint.
28. We walked **up** the hillside to reach the viewpoint.
29. The water was flowing **down** the slope.
30. The water was flowing **down** the hill.
31. The water was flowing **down** the channel.
32. The water was flowing **down** the hillside.
33. The tourists walked **around** the old town.
34. The tourists walked **around** the lake.
35. The tourists walked **around** the garden.
36. The tourists walked **around** the city wall.
37. The bus went **around** the block.
38. The bus went **around** the roundabout.
39. The bus went **around** the square.
40. The bus went **around** the neighbourhood.