Prepositions of movement and direction

From marks a starting point; to marks a destination; towards marks direction.

Use **from** for the starting point, **to** for the destination and **towards** when someone moves in a direction without necessarily arriving.

Worked example

The train leaves **from** this station and goes **to** the airport.

Complete each gap with from, to or towards.

01. El tren sale de la estación central a las ocho.
The train leaves _____ the central station at eight.

02. El tren sale de la terminal norte a las ocho.
The train leaves _____ the north terminal at eight.

03. El tren sale de la estación del aeropuerto a las ocho.
The train leaves _____ the airport station at eight.

04. El tren sale del andén cuatro a las ocho.
The train leaves _____ platform four at eight.

05. El tren llega a la estación central a las diez.
The train arrives _____ the central station at ten.

06. El tren llega a la terminal norte a las diez.
The train arrives _____ the north terminal at ten.

07. El tren llega a la estación del aeropuerto a las diez.
The train arrives _____ the airport station at ten.

08. El tren llega al andén cuatro a las diez.
The train arrives _____ platform four at ten.

09. Salimos de casa temprano por la mañana.
We set off _____ home early in the morning.

10. Salimos del hotel temprano por la mañana.
We set off _____ the hotel early in the morning.

11. Salimos del campamento temprano por la mañana.
We set off _____ the campsite early in the morning.

12. Salimos de la oficina temprano por la mañana.
We set off _____ the office early in the morning.

13. Los caminantes avanzaron hacia el valle.
The walkers made their way _____ the valley.

14. Los caminantes avanzaron hacia el refugio.
The walkers made their way _____ the shelter.

15. Los caminantes avanzaron hacia el puente.
The walkers made their way _____ the bridge.

16. Los caminantes avanzaron hacia la costa.
The walkers made their way _____ the coast.

17. El autobús viene del centro de la ciudad.
The bus is coming _____ the city centre.

18. El autobús viene del aeropuerto.
The bus is coming _____ the airport.

19. El autobús viene de la estación.
The bus is coming _____ the station.

20. El autobús viene del pueblo vecino.
The bus is coming _____ the neighbouring village.

Starting points and destinations

Continue. Complete only the gap in English.

21. ¿Qué camino lleva al castillo?
Which road leads _____ the castle?

22. ¿Qué camino lleva a la playa?
Which road leads _____ the beach?

23. ¿Qué camino lleva al camping?
Which road leads _____ the campsite?

24. ¿Qué camino lleva al centro histórico?
Which road leads _____ the historic centre?

25. La senda desciende de la cima.
The path descends _____ the summit.

26. La senda desciende de la colina.
The path descends _____ the hill.

27. La senda desciende del mirador.
The path descends _____ the viewpoint.

28. La senda desciende de la meseta.
The path descends _____ the plateau.

29. El ascensor va a la quinta planta.
The lift goes _____ the fifth floor.

30. El ascensor va a la azotea.
The lift goes _____ the roof.

31. El ascensor va al último piso.
The lift goes _____ the top floor.

32. El ascensor va a la planta baja.
The lift goes _____ the ground floor.

33. El sendero continúa desde aquí y llega al río.
The path continues _____ here and reaches the river.

34. El sendero continúa desde el pueblo y llega al río.
The path continues _____ the village and reaches the river.

35. El sendero continúa desde el aparcamiento y llega al río.
The path continues _____ the car park and reaches the river.

36. El sendero continúa desde la entrada y llega al río.
The path continues _____ the entrance and reaches the river.

37. La escalera conduce al sótano.
The stairs lead _____ the basement.

38. La escalera conduce a la terraza.
The stairs lead _____ the terrace.

39. La escalera conduce a la salida.
The stairs lead _____ the exit.

40. La escalera conduce al jardín.
The stairs lead _____ the garden.

Answer key

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

01. The train leaves **from** the central station at eight.
02. The train leaves **from** the north terminal at eight.
03. The train leaves **from** the airport station at eight.
04. The train leaves **from** platform four at eight.
05. The train arrives **to** the central station at ten.
06. The train arrives **to** the north terminal at ten.
07. The train arrives **to** the airport station at ten.
08. The train arrives **to** platform four at ten.
09. We set off **from** home early in the morning.
10. We set off **from** the hotel early in the morning.
11. We set off **from** the campsite early in the morning.
12. We set off **from** the office early in the morning.
13. The walkers made their way **towards** the valley.
14. The walkers made their way **towards** the shelter.
15. The walkers made their way **towards** the bridge.
16. The walkers made their way **towards** the coast.
17. The bus is coming **from** the city centre.
18. The bus is coming **from** the airport.
19. The bus is coming **from** the station.
20. The bus is coming **from** the neighbouring village.
21. Which road leads **to** the castle?
22. Which road leads **to** the beach?
23. Which road leads **to** the campsite?
24. Which road leads **to** the historic centre?
25. The path descends **from** the summit.
26. The path descends **from** the hill.
27. The path descends **from** the viewpoint.
28. The path descends **from** the plateau.
29. The lift goes **to** the fifth floor.
30. The lift goes **to** the roof.
31. The lift goes **to** the top floor.
32. The lift goes **to** the ground floor.
33. The path continues **from** here and reaches the river.
34. The path continues **from** the village and reaches the river.
35. The path continues **from** the car park and reaches the river.
36. The path continues **from** the entrance and reaches the river.
37. The stairs lead **to** the basement.
38. The stairs lead **to** the terrace.
39. The stairs lead **to** the exit.
40. The stairs lead **to** the garden.