Prepositions of movement and direction

The verb and vehicle determine the preposition.

Use **get into/out of** a car or taxi. Use **get on/off** a bus, train, plane, boat or bicycle. Use **onto/off** when movement to or away from a surface is emphasised.

Worked example

She got **into** the car, and I got **on** the bus.

Complete each gap with the correct preposition.

01. El conductor se subió al coche.
The driver got _____ the car.

02. El conductor se subió al taxi.
The driver got _____ the taxi.

03. El conductor se subió a la furgoneta.
The driver got _____ the van.

04. El conductor se subió al camión.
The driver got _____ the lorry.

05. La pasajera salió del coche.
The passenger got _____ the car.

06. La pasajera salió del taxi.
The passenger got _____ the taxi.

07. La pasajera salió de la furgoneta.
The passenger got _____ the van.

08. La pasajera salió del camión.
The passenger got _____ the lorry.

09. Los niños subieron al autobús.
The children got _____ the bus.

10. Los niños subieron al tren.
The children got _____ the train.

11. Los niños subieron al avión.
The children got _____ the plane.

12. Los niños subieron al barco.
The children got _____ the boat.

13. Los turistas bajaron del autobús.
The tourists got _____ the bus.

14. Los turistas bajaron del tren.
The tourists got _____ the train.

15. Los turistas bajaron del avión.
The tourists got _____ the plane.

16. Los turistas bajaron del barco.
The tourists got _____ the boat.

17. Metió la compra en el maletero.
She put the shopping _____ the boot.

18. Metió la compra en el coche.
She put the shopping _____ the car.

19. Metió la compra en el taxi.
She put the shopping _____ the taxi.

20. Metió la compra en la furgoneta.
She put the shopping _____ the van.

Getting in, on, out and off

Continue. Complete only the gap in English.

21. Sacó la mochila del maletero.
He took the backpack _____ the boot.

22. Sacó la mochila del coche.
He took the backpack _____ the car.

23. Sacó la mochila del taxi.
He took the backpack _____ the taxi.

24. Sacó la mochila de la furgoneta.
He took the backpack _____ the van.

25. El ciclista se subió a la bicicleta.
The cyclist got _____ the bike.

26. El ciclista se subió a la moto.
The cyclist got _____ the motorbike.

27. El ciclista se subió al caballo.
The cyclist got _____ the horse.

28. El ciclista se subió a la tabla de surf.
The cyclist got _____ the surfboard.

29. La ciclista se bajó de la bicicleta.
The cyclist got _____ the bike.

30. La ciclista se bajó de la moto.
The cyclist got _____ the motorbike.

31. La ciclista se bajó del caballo.
The cyclist got _____ the horse.

32. La ciclista se bajó de la tabla de surf.
The cyclist got _____ the surfboard.

33. El equipaje fue cargado al barco.
The luggage was loaded _____ the ship.

34. El equipaje fue cargado al tren.
The luggage was loaded _____ the train.

35. El equipaje fue cargado al autobús.
The luggage was loaded _____ the bus.

36. El equipaje fue cargado al avión.
The luggage was loaded _____ the plane.

37. El pasajero se cayó del asiento.
The passenger fell _____ the seat.

38. El pasajero se cayó de la bicicleta.
The passenger fell _____ the bicycle.

39. El pasajero se cayó del caballo.
The passenger fell _____ the horse.

40. El pasajero se cayó de la plataforma.
The passenger fell _____ the platform.

Answer key

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

01. The driver got **into** the car.
02. The driver got **into** the taxi.
03. The driver got **into** the van.
04. The driver got **into** the lorry.
05. The passenger got **out of** the car.
06. The passenger got **out of** the taxi.
07. The passenger got **out of** the van.
08. The passenger got **out of** the lorry.
09. The children got **on** the bus.
10. The children got **on** the train.
11. The children got **on** the plane.
12. The children got **on** the boat.
13. The tourists got **off** the bus.
14. The tourists got **off** the train.
15. The tourists got **off** the plane.
16. The tourists got **off** the boat.
17. She put the shopping **into** the boot.
18. She put the shopping **into** the car.
19. She put the shopping **into** the taxi.
20. She put the shopping **into** the van.
21. He took the backpack **out of** the boot.
22. He took the backpack **out of** the car.
23. He took the backpack **out of** the taxi.
24. He took the backpack **out of** the van.
25. The cyclist got **on** the bike.
26. The cyclist got **on** the motorbike.
27. The cyclist got **on** the horse.
28. The cyclist got **on** the surfboard.
29. The cyclist got **off** the bike.
30. The cyclist got **off** the motorbike.
31. The cyclist got **off** the horse.
32. The cyclist got **off** the surfboard.
33. The luggage was loaded **onto** the ship.
34. The luggage was loaded **onto** the train.
35. The luggage was loaded **onto** the bus.
36. The luggage was loaded **onto** the plane.
37. The passenger fell **off** the seat.
38. The passenger fell **off** the bicycle.
39. The passenger fell **off** the horse.
40. The passenger fell **off** the platform.