Prepositions of movement and direction

Check whether the movement reaches, leaves, crosses or passes a place.

Review **to**, **from**, **into**, **out of**, **across**, **through**, **along**, **past**, **over** and **under**.

Worked example

He cycled **past** the park and **towards** the station.

Complete each gap with the correct word or phrase.

01. El mensajero llevó los documentos a la oficina.
The messenger took the documents _____ the office.

02. El mensajero llevó los documentos al juzgado.
The messenger took the documents _____ the courthouse.

03. El mensajero llevó los documentos a la recepción.
The messenger took the documents _____ reception.

04. El mensajero llevó los documentos al archivo.
The messenger took the documents _____ the archive.

05. El niño entró en la habitación sin hacer ruido.
The boy went _____ the room quietly.

06. El niño entró en la biblioteca sin hacer ruido.
The boy went _____ the library quietly.

07. El niño entró en el aula sin hacer ruido.
The boy went _____ the classroom quietly.

08. El niño entró en el despacho sin hacer ruido.
The boy went _____ the office quietly.

09. La mujer salió de la cocina y cerró la puerta.
The woman walked _____ the kitchen and closed the door.

10. La mujer salió del ascensor y cerró la puerta.
The woman walked _____ the lift and closed the door.

11. La mujer salió del edificio y cerró la puerta.
The woman walked _____ the building and closed the door.

12. La mujer salió de la tienda y cerró la puerta.
The woman walked _____ the shop and closed the door.

13. El perro cruzó el jardín para llegar a su dueño.
The dog ran _____ the garden to reach its owner.

14. El perro cruzó el patio para llegar a su dueño.
The dog ran _____ the courtyard to reach its owner.

15. El perro cruzó la calle para llegar a su dueño.
The dog ran _____ the street to reach its owner.

16. El perro cruzó el puente para llegar a su dueño.
The dog ran _____ the bridge to reach its owner.

17. El camino serpentea por el bosque.
The path winds _____ the forest.

18. El camino serpentea por el valle.
The path winds _____ the valley.

19. El camino serpentea por el parque.
The path winds _____ the park.

20. El camino serpentea por las montañas.
The path winds _____ the mountains.

Mixed practice

Continue. Complete only the gap in English.

21. Pasearon a lo largo de la playa al atardecer.
They walked _____ the beach at sunset.

22. Pasearon por el río al atardecer.
They walked _____ the river at sunset.

23. Pasearon por la carretera costera al atardecer.
They walked _____ the coastal road at sunset.

24. Pasearon por el sendero al atardecer.
They walked _____ the path at sunset.

25. El autobús pasó por delante de la parada sin parar.
The bus went _____ the bus stop without stopping.

26. El autobús pasó por delante de la escuela sin parar.
The bus went _____ the school without stopping.

27. El autobús pasó por delante del hospital sin parar.
The bus went _____ the hospital without stopping.

28. El autobús pasó por delante de la entrada sin parar.
The bus went _____ the entrance without stopping.

29. El paquete cayó sobre el suelo.
The parcel fell _____ the floor.

30. El paquete cayó encima del sofá.
The parcel fell _____ the sofa.

31. El paquete cayó sobre la alfombra.
The parcel fell _____ the rug.

32. El paquete cayó encima del escalón.
The parcel fell _____ the step.

33. El abrigo resbaló de la percha.
The coat slipped _____ the hanger.

34. El abrigo resbaló del respaldo de la silla.
The coat slipped _____ the back of the chair.

35. El abrigo resbaló del gancho.
The coat slipped _____ the hook.

36. El abrigo resbaló del banco.
The coat slipped _____ the bench.

37. El grupo se dirigió hacia el punto de encuentro.
The group headed _____ the meeting point.

38. El grupo se dirigió hacia el refugio.
The group headed _____ the shelter.

39. El grupo se dirigió hacia la salida.
The group headed _____ the exit.

40. El grupo se dirigió hacia la playa.
The group headed _____ the beach.

Answer key

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

01. The messenger took the documents **to** the office.
02. The messenger took the documents **to** the courthouse.
03. The messenger took the documents **to** reception.
04. The messenger took the documents **to** the archive.
05. The boy went **into** the room quietly.
06. The boy went **into** the library quietly.
07. The boy went **into** the classroom quietly.
08. The boy went **into** the office quietly.
09. The woman walked **out of** the kitchen and closed the door.
10. The woman walked **out of** the lift and closed the door.
11. The woman walked **out of** the building and closed the door.
12. The woman walked **out of** the shop and closed the door.
13. The dog ran **across** the garden to reach its owner.
14. The dog ran **across** the courtyard to reach its owner.
15. The dog ran **across** the street to reach its owner.
16. The dog ran **across** the bridge to reach its owner.
17. The path winds **through** the forest.
18. The path winds **through** the valley.
19. The path winds **through** the park.
20. The path winds **through** the mountains.
21. They walked **along** the beach at sunset.
22. They walked **along** the river at sunset.
23. They walked **along** the coastal road at sunset.
24. They walked **along** the path at sunset.
25. The bus went **past** the bus stop without stopping.
26. The bus went **past** the school without stopping.
27. The bus went **past** the hospital without stopping.
28. The bus went **past** the entrance without stopping.
29. The parcel fell **onto** the floor.
30. The parcel fell **onto** the sofa.
31. The parcel fell **onto** the rug.
32. The parcel fell **onto** the step.
33. The coat slipped **off** the hanger.
34. The coat slipped **off** the back of the chair.
35. The coat slipped **off** the hook.
36. The coat slipped **off** the bench.
37. The group headed **towards** the meeting point.
38. The group headed **towards** the shelter.
39. The group headed **towards** the exit.
40. The group headed **towards** the beach.