Prepositions of movement and direction

Apply the contrasts in travel, everyday movement and directions.

Remember the difference between a destination, a direction, a starting point and the route taken.

Worked example

They walked **through** the tunnel and **over** the bridge.

Complete each gap with the correct word or phrase.

01. La escaladora trepó por la pared de roca.
The climber went _____ the rock face.

02. La escaladora trepó por la colina.
The climber went _____ the hill.

03. La escaladora trepó por la escalera.
The climber went _____ the ladder.

04. La escaladora trepó por el sendero.
The climber went _____ the path.

05. El esquiador bajó por la pista.
The skier came _____ the run.

06. El esquiador bajó por la pendiente.
The skier came _____ the slope.

07. El esquiador bajó por la montaña.
The skier came _____ the mountain.

08. El esquiador bajó por el camino.
The skier came _____ the path.

09. Los corredores dieron una vuelta alrededor del parque.
The runners went _____ the park.

10. Los corredores dieron una vuelta alrededor del estadio.
The runners went _____ the stadium.

11. Los corredores dieron una vuelta alrededor del lago.
The runners went _____ the lake.

12. Los corredores dieron una vuelta alrededor de la manzana.
The runners went _____ the block.

13. La carretera pasa por encima del río.
The road goes _____ the river.

14. La carretera pasa por encima del valle.
The road goes _____ the valley.

15. La carretera pasa por encima de las vías.
The road goes _____ the railway tracks.

16. La carretera pasa por encima del barranco.
The road goes _____ the ravine.

17. El sendero pasa por debajo de la autopista.
The path goes _____ the motorway.

18. El sendero pasa por debajo del puente.
The path goes _____ the bridge.

19. El sendero pasa por debajo de las ramas.
The path goes _____ the branches.

20. El sendero pasa por debajo del arco.
The path goes _____ the arch.

Final review

Continue. Complete only the gap in English.

21. La familia caminó al otro lado de la plaza.
The family walked _____ the square.

22. La familia caminó al otro lado del campo.
The family walked _____ the field.

23. La familia caminó al otro lado del puente.
The family walked _____ the bridge.

24. La familia caminó al otro lado de la calle.
The family walked _____ the street.

25. El ciclista atravesó por el túnel.
The cyclist rode _____ the tunnel.

26. El ciclista atravesó por el parque.
The cyclist rode _____ the park.

27. El ciclista atravesó por el pueblo.
The cyclist rode _____ the village.

28. El ciclista atravesó por el bosque.
The cyclist rode _____ the forest.

29. El autobús sale del aeropuerto cada media hora.
The bus leaves _____ the airport every half hour.

30. El autobús sale de la estación cada media hora.
The bus leaves _____ the station every half hour.

31. El autobús sale del centro cada media hora.
The bus leaves _____ the city centre every half hour.

32. El autobús sale de la terminal cada media hora.
The bus leaves _____ the terminal every half hour.

33. El camino de montaña conduce al refugio.
The mountain path leads _____ the shelter.

34. El camino de montaña conduce a la cima.
The mountain path leads _____ the summit.

35. El camino de montaña conduce al lago.
The mountain path leads _____ the lake.

36. El camino de montaña conduce al pueblo.
The mountain path leads _____ the village.

37. Al anochecer, regresamos hacia el campamento.
At dusk, we headed back _____ the campsite.

38. Al anochecer, regresamos hacia el pueblo.
At dusk, we headed back _____ the village.

39. Al anochecer, regresamos hacia el coche.
At dusk, we headed back _____ the car.

40. Al anochecer, regresamos hacia la estación.
At dusk, we headed back _____ the station.

Answer key

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

01. The climber went **up** the rock face.
02. The climber went **up** the hill.
03. The climber went **up** the ladder.
04. The climber went **up** the path.
05. The skier came **down** the run.
06. The skier came **down** the slope.
07. The skier came **down** the mountain.
08. The skier came **down** the path.
09. The runners went **around** the park.
10. The runners went **around** the stadium.
11. The runners went **around** the lake.
12. The runners went **around** the block.
13. The road goes **over** the river.
14. The road goes **over** the valley.
15. The road goes **over** the railway tracks.
16. The road goes **over** the ravine.
17. The path goes **under** the motorway.
18. The path goes **under** the bridge.
19. The path goes **under** the branches.
20. The path goes **under** the arch.
21. The family walked **across** the square.
22. The family walked **across** the field.
23. The family walked **across** the bridge.
24. The family walked **across** the street.
25. The cyclist rode **through** the tunnel.
26. The cyclist rode **through** the park.
27. The cyclist rode **through** the village.
28. The cyclist rode **through** the forest.
29. The bus leaves **from** the airport every half hour.
30. The bus leaves **from** the station every half hour.
31. The bus leaves **from** the city centre every half hour.
32. The bus leaves **from** the terminal every half hour.
33. The mountain path leads **to** the shelter.
34. The mountain path leads **to** the summit.
35. The mountain path leads **to** the lake.
36. The mountain path leads **to** the village.
37. At dusk, we headed back **towards** the campsite.
38. At dusk, we headed back **towards** the village.
39. At dusk, we headed back **towards** the car.
40. At dusk, we headed back **towards** the station.