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## Prepositions of movement



Dad, there are many mice in the living room! They are walking **across** the room, peeping **through** the plant, running **around** my hat and **along** the top rail of the chair. You must come home and save me now!



### Usage

We learnt about prepositions of location and prepositions of time in *Grammar Revolution* S.1. In this unit, we are going to learn about prepositions of movement. We use a preposition of movement to show **how** someone or something **moves**. We usually put it **after an action verb** such as *drive, run, jump* and **before a noun**.

e.g. Bobby wasn't careful when it walked **across** the road.

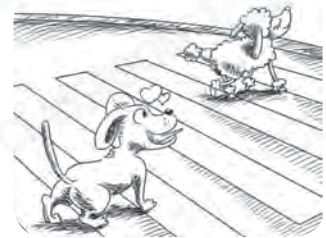
e.g. Grandpa strolls **along** the river in the early morning.

Verb  
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### Part 1 Revision: Prepositions of Location & Time

We use a preposition of location to talk about **where** someone or something is; while we use a preposition of time to talk about **when** someone does something or something happens. We put a preposition of location or time **before a noun**.

Preposition of location						Preposition of time		
above	around	at	behind	below	beside	at	between...and	during
between	in	in front of	next to	on	opposite	from...to	in	on
on top of	under					since	for	

e.g. Tom sits **next to** Jason **in** the classroom.

e.g. Our school opens **from** 8 am **to** 6 pm **on** weekdays.



## Exercise 1

Fill in the blanks with the correct prepositions of time or location.

1. Mr Ho is sitting \_\_\_\_\_ the sofa. Mrs Ho is sitting \_\_\_\_\_ him.
2. A meeting will be held \_\_\_\_\_ the afternoon.
3. Were the children playing \_\_\_\_\_ the playground \_\_\_\_\_ recess?
4. Mel drinks coffee \_\_\_\_\_ the living room \_\_\_\_\_ 6:45 every morning.
5. Camellia studied \_\_\_\_\_ the UK \_\_\_\_\_ 2008 to 2010.
6. There is a green posting box \_\_\_\_\_ the bus stop and the lamppost.



## Part 2 Common Prepositions of Movement

The following are some common prepositions for talking about movement.

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Once upon a time, Princess Alice was caught by an evil flying dragon. So, Prince Mario travelled **away from** his homeland to save her. ① He ran **along** the coast to find a boat but could not find one. ② So, he swam **across** the lake. ③ Then, he walked **through** the Dark Forest. ④ Next, he flew **over** a range of mountains. ⑤ After that, he climbed **up** a volcano. The stones kept rolling **down** the volcano. It was dangerous! ⑥ Finally, Prince Mario reached the evil flying dragon's castle and walked **into** it bravely. ⑦ When he saw the evil flying dragon, he dashed **towards** it, used his incredible strength to jump **onto** its back and killed it. He then pushed it **off** the cliff. ⑧ At last, Prince Mario kissed Princess Alice and carried her **out of** the castle. They lived happily ever after.



## Educator's Tips



**Some** prepositions of movement such as *around* / *round* and *under* are also prepositions of location.

**e.g.** My puppies are running **around** / **round** the gift.  
(Preposition of movement)

**e.g.** There is a ribbon **around** the gift.  
(Preposition of location)



## Exercise 2

Look at the picture carefully. Circle the correct prepositions of movement in brackets.



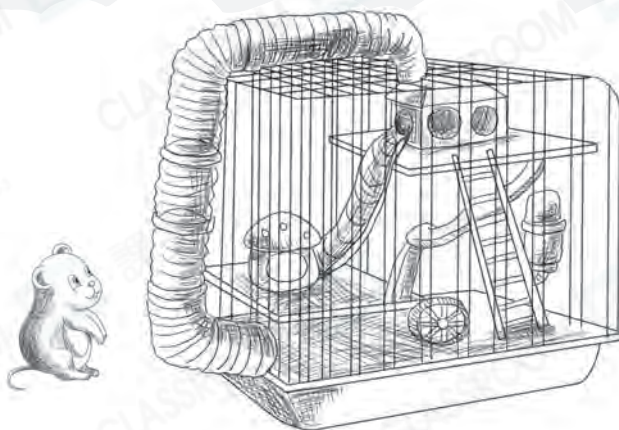
1. Katie is cycling ( around / across ) the park.
2. Daisy is walking ( from / down ) the stairs.
3. A butterfly kite is flying ( through / over ) the tuck shop.
4. Jenny is walking ( through / towards ) the tuck shop.
5. Steve is roller-skating ( along / onto ) the ramp.
6. A tortoise is crawling ( over / under ) the bench.
7. A cat is jumping ( out of / into ) the bush.
8. Chris is throwing a used tissue ( into / off ) the rubbish bin.

## Unit Recap

Amy is reading an advertisement about a hamster house. Complete the advertisement with the correct prepositions of location or movement.

### Three-storey Magic Hamster House

**NEW**



(1) \_\_\_\_\_ this well-facilitated Three-storey Magic Hamster House, your hamster can enjoy itself! It can:

- climb (2) \_\_\_\_\_ the long and steep ladder;
- pass (3) \_\_\_\_\_ the big holes, go (4) \_\_\_\_\_ the master bedroom and get some rest (5) \_\_\_\_\_ the cosy room;
- crawl (6) \_\_\_\_\_ the fun winding tube;
- relax (7) \_\_\_\_\_ the wide platform or jump (8) \_\_\_\_\_ it to get to the basement;
- slide (9) \_\_\_\_\_ the exciting curvy slides;
- do exercise (10) \_\_\_\_\_ the happy running wheel;
- use the convenient outdoor tube to go (11) \_\_\_\_\_ upstairs (12) \_\_\_\_\_ the basement quickly.

**BUY Three-storey Magic Hamster House  
before 31<sup>st</sup> December to enjoy a 30% discount!**



### Vocabulary:

platform (n.): a flat raised area or structure

basement (n.): room(s) below the level of the ground