

Prepositions

Typically, the prepositions *to*, *at*, *in*, and *on* can be classified into the following categories:

At – point

On – surface

In – area/volume

To – direction

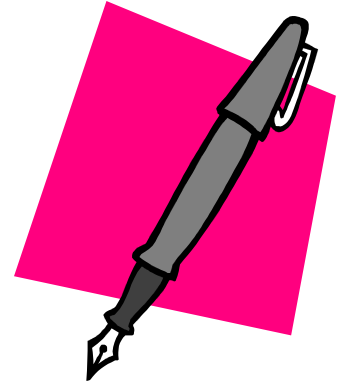
The basic preposition of a direction is *to*.

Examples:

Michelle returned **to** her house.

Rebecca just went **to** the store

When can we go **to** the mall?



The basic prepositions to denote an enclosed area are *in* and *on*.

Examples:

Jennifer and Christina are **in** the living room.

I keep my jewelry **in** this case.

Sandy is already **in** the house.

Heather is **on** the roof again.

Is that David **on** the stage?

What is that **on** the table?

The basic preposition to denote a location, destination, or direction is *at*.

Examples:

Let's meet **at** my house.

Did I arrive **at** the meeting on time?

The dog jumped **at** my face.

Preposition Checkup

Fill in the blanks with the proper preposition (*at, to, in, on*).

1. Is that a squirrel _____ that tree?
2. When are we going _____ the movie theater?
3. Is that you _____ television?
4. Is that you _____ my class this morning?
5. Why are you sitting _____ my chair?
6. Please do not lean _____ my car.
7. Let's meet _____ the bowling alley.
8. Can we take a bus _____ the historical sections?
9. I am going to school _____ AASU.
10. Who was _____ that movie?
11. What is written _____ the chalkboard?
12. I am going _____ the cafeteria
13. I am going to eat _____ a new place across the street.
14. Look _____ the table for directions _____ the restaurant.



Answer Key

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| 1. in / on | 8. to |
| 2. to | 9. at |
| 3. on | 10. in |
| 4. in | 11. on |
| 5. in / on | 12. to / in |
| 6. on | 13. at |
| 7. at | 14. on, to |