

Prepositions: Of Direction vs. Of Place

FORM:

preposition + noun

USE:

Prepositions of direction show movement from one point to another point.

Prepositions of place tell us where someone or something is located.

Note the difference between:

MOVEMENT	POSITION
<p>to → a place I will go to the cinema at 7:30 p.m. to see “<i>Gladiator</i>.”</p>	<p>at ← a place I am at the cinema now. I am watching a film.</p>
<p>onto ← a surface Don’t spill your drink onto the floor.</p>	<p>on ← a surface She is sitting on the sofa.</p>
<p>into → a volume Put the onions into the pan.</p>	<p>in ← a volume The newspaper is in my bag.</p>

Fill in the blanks using a PREPOSITION OF DIRECTION or a PREPOSITION OF PLACE.

- Please, don’t go _____ the room. The baby is sleeping.
- My lipstick is _____ my makeup bag.
- She is going to go _____ the post office to mail her letter.
- The cat jumps _____ my lap.
- Put the flowers _____ the vase and put it _____ the table.
- The flowers are _____ the hall table.
- He is _____ the bank. Then he will go _____ the supermarket.
- He is sticking two stamps _____ the envelope.