

PREPOSITIONS WORKSHEET

IN • INTO • ON • ONTO

Location vs. Movement

Name: _____

Date: _____

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GRAMMAR REFERENCE

IN location **INSIDE** something

ON location **ON** a surface

INTO movement from **OUTSIDE** to **INSIDE**

ONTO movement toward a **SURFACE**

KEY RULE: Use **IN / ON** for **LOCATION**

| Use **INTO / ONTO** for **MOVEMENT** (direction / destination)

Examples: The cat is **in** the box. | She walked **into** the room. | The book is **on** the table. | He jumped **onto** the stage.

EXERCISE 1 – Multiple Choice (8 points)

Choose the best option (A, B, C, or D) and write the letter in the Answer column.

#	Sentence	Options	Answer
1.	The keys are ____ my bag.	A) in B) into C) on D) onto	___
2.	She dived ____ the swimming pool.	A) in B) into C) on D) onto	___
3.	Please put your phone ____ the table.	A) in B) into C) on D) onto	___
4.	The cat jumped ____ the sofa.	A) in B) into C) on D) onto	___
5.	He is sitting ____ the garden.	A) in B) into C) on D) onto	___
6.	The children ran ____ the house to escape the rain.	A) in B) into C) on D) onto	___
7.	There is a beautiful painting ____ the wall.	A) in B) into C) on D) onto	___
8.	The monkey climbed ____ the branch.	A) in B) into C) on D) onto	___

EXERCISE 2 – Fill in the Blanks (10 points)

Fill in each blank with *in, into, on, or onto*. Use each preposition at least twice.

1. She poured the juice _____ the glass.
2. The dog is lying _____ the floor next to the sofa.
3. He carefully placed the vase _____ the shelf.
4. They walked _____ the elevator and pressed the button.
5. My phone is _____ my pocket.
6. The firefighter climbed _____ the roof to rescue the cat.
7. All the students are _____ the classroom already.
8. The soccer ball rolled _____ the net.
9. She spread the map _____ the table to plan the route.
10. He dipped his brush _____ the paint.

EXERCISE 3 – Matching (8 points)

Match each sentence in Column A with the correct preposition and explanation in Column B. Write the letter in the middle column.

Column A – Sentences	Match	Column B – Preposition + Reason
1. The bird flew ___ the cage.	_____	a. onto (surface – flat area)
2. The newspaper is ___ the doorstep.	_____	b. on (touching a surface)
3. She stepped ___ the puddle accidentally.	_____	c. into (enclosed space / container)
4. The documents are ___ the drawer.	_____	d. in (location inside a space)

5. He threw the ball ___ the basket.	—	e. onto (surface - overhead / vertical)
6. The fly landed ___ the ceiling.	—	f. into (movement through / inside)
7. We drove ___ the tunnel.	—	g. onto (movement toward a surface / top)
8. She spilled coffee ___ her laptop.	—	h. on (flat surface - horizontal)

EXERCISE 4 - Write Your Own Sentences (12 points)

Write an original sentence for each preposition. Use the hint to help you. Be creative!

Preposition	Writing Prompt	Write Your Sentence Here
IN	<i>Think of a LOCATION inside something (room, bag, city, park...)</i>	_____ _____
ON	<i>Think of a SURFACE (table, wall, bus, floor, phone screen...)</i>	_____ _____
INTO	<i>Describe movement from OUTSIDE to INSIDE (walked, fell, jumped, poured...)</i>	_____ _____
ONTO	<i>Describe movement toward a SURFACE (climbed, stepped, placed, threw...)</i>	_____ _____

IN & ON	<i>Use BOTH in one sentence to describe two locations.</i>	<hr/> <hr/>
INTO & ONTO	<i>Describe two movements using INTO and ONTO in the same sentence.</i>	<hr/> <hr/>

Total: ____ / 38 points