Pre-intermediate Unit 7a
Prepositions of movement

Presentation

Use prepositions of movement to talk about the direction of the movement:

*It moves along. You go up the hill. You’re travelling down.*

Prepositions of movement usually follow a verb of movement, for example: go, travel, get, put, walk, run, dive, fall, come, move, sail, float, drive.

You sometimes use in/out for into/out of and on for onto when speaking informally:

*We got into the car = We got in the car.*

Note that into and out of must be followed by a noun.

Say *We got in the car. We got into the car. We got in.* (don’t say *We got into.*)
1 Choose the correct prepositions. Then listen and check.

Good morning and thank you for coming. Welcome to our factory. First of all, the bottles move along this conveyor belt and the cola comes out of this tap and onto the bottles. After that, the bottles go up this hole in the wall to the warehouse. We load them off the lorries and the driver takes them along.

2 Complete the sentences with the present continuous form of the verbs and the prepositions in the box.

climb dive drive fall float get put run swim take travel walk

across along around away down into off onto out of through towards up

1 The boat is floating along the river.

2 The comet is falling towards the planet.

3 He is putting the statue onto this plinth.

4 He is climbing down.

5 He is running into his car.

6 She is driving through a tunnel.

7 She is running away from the police officer.

8 The criminal is running away from the police officer.

9 They are running up the mountain.

10 The girl is climbing across the board.

11 He is diving into the statue.

12 The sharks are floating onto the boat.