7: Prepositions with verbs of movement

We usually use the preposition ‘in’ to talk about cities and countries and we use ‘at’ (or sometimes ‘in’) to talk about buildings.

- She is in London.
- I’ll meet you at the airport.

However, with verbs of movement (for example: go, come, walk, run, drive, fly, cycle, return, take a taxi, take a bus, take a train), we use the preposition ‘to’. We also use ‘to’ with ‘get’.

- She drove to London.
- We went to the airport.

There is a tricky exception: arrive. We don’t use ‘to’ with arrive. We use ‘in’ or ‘at’.

- She arrived in London.
- We arrived at the airport.

With ‘here’ and ‘there’ we always use no preposition.

- He stayed there.
- I went there.
- She arrived here.
Exercise 13: Prepositions with verbs of movement

Choose in or to or -.

1. We went ______ a café.
2. We will walk ______ the shop.
3. They went ______ Africa.
4. We arrived ______ London.
5. David went ______ there.
6. He took a train ______ Lisbon.
7. She is going to take a bus ______ her friend’s house.
8. Amanda has arrived ______ there.
9. He’ll arrive ______ Spain tomorrow.
10. She came ______ here last night.
11. She took a taxi ______ the flat.
12. She came ______ the cinema with us.
13. When did you arrive ______ Canada?
14. The students will arrive ______ Cambridge next week.
15. The walked ______ the station.
16. The children arrived ______ Prague last night.
17. They flew ______ here.
18. John arrived ______ Europe two months ago.
19. She drove ______ the airport.
20. We cycled ______ London.
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