



Welcome to the future! Marty McFly visits 2015 (movie scene from Back to the Future 2)

Level: Medium to High. Language: Prepositions of movement, Colloquial, Verbs

This is a scene from a very famous movie from the eighties. The main character is Marty McFly who travels 30 years into the future to the crazy, modern world of 2015. There are flying cars, hoverboards and even futuristic Nike boots.

Task 1: Watch the video once and listen carefully to what the characters say (they don't speak a lot!). Then answer the questions below.

- a. 0.06 What does Marty tell the little girl on the hoverboard?
- b. 1.06 What does the old man say to himself when he sees Marty?
- c. 1.40 Why doesn't Marty's hoverboard work when he is over the lake?
- d. 2.50 What is Marty's reaction when he lifts his head out of the lake?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TkyLnWm1iCs>

Task 2: Read these rules and answer the question at the end.

Rules: Prepositions of Movement

1. They describe where something is going or how it is moving. For example - The man went **into** the building - The cat ran **across** the street - The boy walked **down** the stairs.

2. They are always used in conjunction with verbs. Again, look at the same examples - The man **went into** the building - The cat **ran across** the street - The boy **walked down** the stairs.

3. They are not used to describe a fixed position. For example, it is *not* correct to say "My office is **into** the building". *Into* is a preposition of movement and in this sentence there is no movement. The correct sentence is "My office is **in** the building" or "My office is **inside** the building". *In* and *Inside* are Prepositions of Place.

4. To identify the correct Preposition of Movement, it is often useful to think of the original position of the person or object. For example: Peter was **on** his bike. Then Peter fell **off** his bike (**off** is the opposite of **on**); My book was **in** the bag. I took my book **out of** the bag (out is the opposite of in).

Question - Can you think of other examples of Prepositions of Movement and Prepositions of Place?





Task 3: Now watch the video again and then complete the text below using the **Prepositions of Movement** in this box. The verbs are **in bold** in order to help you.

(Note: There could be more than one correct answer)

out of	off	onto	over	around	into	up
out of	off	onto	over	around	into	through
out of	off	onto	over	around	across	along

Marty **runs** _____ the restaurant and he **lifts** the little girl _____ her hoverboard. He throws the hoverboard in front of him and he **jumps** _____ it. He crosses a small park and **goes** _____ a bridge. He then **goes** _____ a circular stone area but he's going too fast so the board flies upside-down and he **falls** _____ it. The baddies start to chase Marty so he **gets** back _____ the hoverboard and **goes** _____ a small river. He then holds onto the back of a car which is **driving** _____ the street. The car and Marty **go** _____ a corner and Marty narrowly avoids getting hit by a baseball bat. He **flies** _____ a red car and suddenly finds himself in the middle of a small lake. Most hoverboards don't work on water so Marty is now stuck, floating a few centimetres above the water. The leader of the baddies goes to his car and **takes** a suitcase _____ the boot. The suitcase contains an extra-powerful hoverboard. The group of baddies attach themselves with hooks and the leader **steps** _____ this special hoverboard. The baddies **fly** _____ the lake and almost reach Marty. They try to hit him with the baseball bat but right at the last minute, Marty **jumps** _____ the water. The baddies **spin** _____ and lose control of their hoverboards. They are **thrown** high _____ in the air and then they **crash** _____ the enormous window of the shopping mall. Marty **pushes** his head _____ the lake and **shakes** the water _____ his hair. He can't believe it when he sees the scene of destruction in front of him.

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**Answers:****Task 1 -**

a. 0.06 What does Marty tell the little girl on the hoverboard?

He says: "Little girl, stop! I need to borrow your hoverboard".

b. 1.06 What does the old man say to himself when he sees Marty?

He says "There's something very familiar about all this" (the old man is actually Biff, one of Marty's enemies from 1985 who is now old and lives in 2015)

c. 1.40 Why doesn't Marty's hoverboard work when he is over the lake?

The baddies tell him "Those boards don't work on water. Unless you've got power". Marty's hoverboard doesn't have an engine so it doesn't work above water.

d. 2.50 What is Marty's reaction when he lifts his head out of the lake?

He says "Holy shit!". This a funny, slightly rude version of "Oh my God!"

Task 2 -

Examples of prepositions of place - The cat is **under** the table - My shoes are **on** the floor - The money is **in** my pocket - etc.

Examples of prepositions of movement - see the box in Task 3

Task 3 -

Marty runs out of the restaurant and he lifts the little girl off her hoverboard. He throws the hoverboard in front of him and he jumps onto it. He goes through a small park and over a bridge. He then goes around a circular stone area but he's going too fast so the board flies upside-down and he falls off it. The baddies start to chase Marty so he gets back on the hoverboard and goes across a small river. He then holds onto the back of a car which is driving along the street. The car and Marty go around a corner and Marty narrowly avoids getting hit by a baseball bat. He goes over a red car and suddenly finds himself in the middle of a small lake. Most hoverboards don't work on water so Marty is now stuck, floating a few centimetres above the water. The leader of the baddies goes to his car and takes a suitcase out of the boot. The suitcase contains an extra-powerful hoverboard. The group of baddies attach themselves with hooks and the leader steps onto this special hoverboard. The baddies fly over the lake and almost reach Marty. They try to hit him with the baseball bat but right at the last minute, Marty jumps into the water. The baddies spin around and lose control of their hoverboards. They are thrown high up in the air and they fly through the enormous window of the shopping mall. Marty pushes his head out of the lake and shakes the water off his hair. He can't believe it when he sees the scene of destruction in front of him.

