

## To/at/in/into

### A

We say **go/come/travel to** a place or an event. For example:

go to South America	go to bed	take somebody to the hospital
return to Italy	go to the bank	come to my house
drive to the airport	go to a concert	be sent to prison

TO →

- When are your friends returning to Italy? (*not* returning in Italy)
- After the accident three people were taken to the hospital.

In the same way we say **on my way to ... / a trip to ... / welcome to ...**, etc.:

- Welcome to our country! (*not* Welcome in)

Compare **to** (for movement) and **in/at** (for position):

- They are going to France.      *but*      They live in France.
- Can you come to the party?      *but*      I'll see you at the party.

### B

**Been to**

We usually say "I've been to a place":

- I've been to Italy four times, but I've never been to Rome.
- Ann has never been to a football game in her life.
- Jack has some money. He has just been to the bank.

### C

**Get and arrive**

We say "get to a place":

- What time did they get to London / get to work / get to the party / get to the hotel?

But we say "arrive in ... / arrive at ..." (*not* arrive to).

We say "arrive in a country or town/city":

- When did they arrive in Brazil / arrive in Rio de Janeiro?

For other places (buildings, etc.) or events, we say arrive at:

- What time did they arrive at the hotel / arrive at the party / arrive at work?

### D

**Home**

We do not say "to home." We say **go home / get home / arrive home**, etc. (no preposition):

- I'm tired. Let's go home. (*not* go to home)
- I met Caroline on my way home.

For at home, see Units 71C and 121A.

### E

**Into**

**Go into / get into**, etc. = enter (a room / a building / a car, etc.):

- She got into the car and drove away.
- A bird flew into the kitchen through the window.

INTO →

We sometimes use **in** (instead of into):

- Don't wait outside. Come in the house. (*or* Come into the house.)

The opposite of **into** is **out of**:

- She got out of the car and went into a store.

Note that we usually say "get on/off a bus / a train / a plane":

- She got off the bus and I never saw her again.

# Exercises

**122.1** Put in *to/at/in/into* where necessary. If no preposition is necessary, leave an empty space (-).

1. Three people were taken to the hospital after the accident.
2. I met Kate on my way — home.
3. We left our luggage — the station and went to find something to eat.
4. Should we take a taxi — the station, or should we walk?
5. I have to go — the bank today to change some money.
6. The Rhine River flows — the North Sea.
7. I'm tired. As soon as I get — home, I'm going — bed.
8. Marcel is French. He has just returned — France after two years — Brazil.
9. Are you going — Linda's party next week?
10. Carl was born — Chicago, but his family moved — New York when he was three. He still lives — New York.
11. Have you ever been — China?
12. I had lost my key, but I managed to climb — the house through a window.
13. We got stuck in a traffic jam on our way — the airport.
14. We had lunch — the airport while we were waiting for our plane.
15. Welcome — the Morgan Hotel. We hope you enjoy your stay here.

**122.2** Have you been to these places? If so, how many times? Choose three of the places and write a sentence using *been to*.

Australia Hong Kong Mexico Paris Thailand Tokyo Washington, D.C.

1. (example answers) I've never been to Australia. I've been to Australia three times.
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_

**122.3** Put in *to/at/in* where necessary. If no preposition is necessary, leave an empty space (-).

1. What time does this train get to Chicago?
2. What time does this train arrive — Chicago?
3. What time did you get — home last night?
4. What time do you usually arrive — work in the morning?
5. When we got — the theater, there was a long line outside.
6. I arrived — home feeling very tired.

**122.4** Write sentences using *got + into / out of / on / off*.

1. You were walking home. A friend passed you in her car. She saw you, stopped, and offered you a ride. She opened the door. What did you do? I got into the car.
2. You were waiting for the bus. At last your bus came. The doors opened. What did you do then? I \_\_\_\_\_.
3. You drove home in your car. You arrived at your house and parked the car. What did you do then? \_\_\_\_\_.
4. You were traveling by train to Chicago. When the train got to Chicago, what did you do? \_\_\_\_\_.
5. You needed a taxi. After a few minutes a taxi stopped for you. You opened the door. What did you do then? \_\_\_\_\_.
6. You were traveling by air. At the end of your flight, the plane landed at the airport and stopped. The doors were opened, and you took your bag and stood up. What did you do then? \_\_\_\_\_.