

The Puke – Preposition Practice – Answer Key

He got **out of** his car and walked **across** the street. He walked **towards** the building **on** the other side **of** the street. He walked **up** the stairs. Someone who was coming **out of** the building held the door open **for** him. He looked **on** the wall **at** the list of names. He stood **in front of** the door. Someone who was going **out of** the building let him **in**.

He reached **into** his pocket and took **out** a piece **of** paper. He saw the number "29". He thought **to** himself, "It's a good thing I wrote that number **down**."

He noticed there was some dried **up** puke **on** the floor **next to** a couch **in** the hallway. He walked **down** the hallway and knocked **on** the door.

Almir came **to** the door and let him **in**. They sat **down at** a table. They asked how he got there. He told them he came **by** car. They asked him where he parked his car. He said he parked it **on** the street. They talked **for** a little while. He took some papers **out of** his bag. He told them to keep the papers **in** a three-ring binder.

After the meeting was **over**, he put his papers and books **in** his bag. They talked **for** a while longer. Sebastião told him that he stayed **in** Monterrey **for** nine days before he was finally able to come **across** the border.

He picked **up** his bag. They walked **towards** the door. All three said good night. He stepped **into** the hallway and thought **about**¹ the puke **on** the floor. He walked **down** the stairs and stepped outside **into** the cold air. He got **into** his car and drove **off**².

¹ Both "of" and "about" are possible. If we say "think about" it is more similar to "give consideration". If we say "think of" then I would say it is more similar to "have an idea". They could very well be used interchangeably, but that's what I think the difference is. I think there could be certain contexts in which we would find one or the other.

I thought of you last night – quick thought - I thought about you last night.- longer thought

I thought of that. = had an idea –quick - I thought about that. = gave consideration

² It's possible to use "away". However, "away" is an adverb. And while "off" could be considered an adverb as well, we usually call it a preposition when speaking of phrasal verbs. "He got into his car and drove away."