

**Introduce yourself. Tell where you are from and where you live now.**

**Vocabulary: Using ACROSS, OVER and THROUGH**

**Across** and **over** can both be used to mean "to the other side". EX: Their village is across/over the border. Can you jump across/over the stream. But when we talk about high things, we generally prefer "over". EX: We climbed over (not across) the wall? She quickly climbed over (not across) the tall fence.

For flat areas, we prefer "across". EX: Camels walk across (not over) the desert without drinking much water. It took them six hours to row across (not over) the lake.

**Through** is different in meaning. You walk *across* the ice because it is a flat sheet of ice. But you walk *through* the forest because there are tall trees on all sides of you. You walk across the road, but through a tunnel.

And, of course, **CROSS** is a verb that means to go across something. EX: We crossed the country searching for the perfect place to build a house. NOTE: Cross can also be an adjective meaning annoyed or angry. Cross can also be a noun meaning two lines that cross each other.

**Put across, through or over in the blanks.**

1. The burglars came \_\_\_\_\_ the back door.
2. Water flows \_\_\_\_\_ those pipes.
3. We followed the guide \_\_\_\_\_ the bushes.
4. We jumped \_\_\_\_\_ a fence and went \_\_\_\_\_ some thick brush.
5. The pharmacy is \_\_\_\_\_ the street from the bank.
6. If you look \_\_\_\_\_ the back window, you can see the neighbor's back yard.
7. We studied \_\_\_\_\_ the night and took the test first thing in the morning.
8. The dog ran \_\_\_\_\_ the field and into the woods.
9. I saw you climbing \_\_\_\_\_ the wall.
10. We swam \_\_\_\_\_ the river.
11. The bombers flew \_\_\_\_\_ London during the Blitz.
12. The helicopter was hovering \_\_\_\_\_ the capitol.

**Sentences with Idioms:** Read the sentence and explain what it means.

1. I can't **get across** to my kids that making good grades in school is very important.
2. I **crossed her off** the list because she said she wasn't interested in the job.
3. **Cross out** the wrong answers.
4. The dogs **got through** the fence where the boards were loose.
5. I **came across** some old photos when I was in the attic.
6. I failed the physics test. This subject is **over my head**.
7. Our family is **at a crossroads**. Should we stay in the U.S. and apply for a green card, or should we go back to our home country?

8. The policeman stood at the door with his **arms crossed**. We knew not to try to sneak past him without a ticket.
9. Did you call Mother to say we would be late. No, I didn't. It never **crossed my mind** to call her.
10. Have you found out if you won the scholarship? No, but I'm **keeping my fingers crossed**.

**Discuss:**

1. Is your family "at a crossroads"? In other words, are you facing a big decision?
2. Do you have a hard time "getting across" your ideas in English?
3. Is anyone in your family "cross" in the mornings?
4. Has anything happened to you that made you sad and that took a long time to "get over"?
5. If you "cross that bridge when you come to it", you don't worry about a problem until it appears. Some people think worrying about things in advance helps them plan what to do if the problem comes up. Others think worrying before the problem appears is a waste of time. Which type of person are you?
6. Sometimes husbands and wives "get their signals crossed" when they are trying to communicate. This happens a lot in my family because neither my husband nor I can hear very well. We always get confused about what the other one said. Does this ever happen in your family?
7. If you "cross paths" with someone, you see them because you both happen to be in the same place at the same time. There are certain people I never cross paths with because they live in a different area and don't go to the same places I do. There are other friends I cross paths with frequently. Who do you cross paths with often?