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through *preposition* \ˈθruː\

: into one side and out the other side of (something)

: from one side or end to another side or end of (something)

—used to describe movement within a place or an area of land, air, etc.

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- a** (1)—used as a function word to indicate movement into at one side or point and out at another and especially the opposite side of <drove a nail *through* the board> (2): by way of <left *through* the door> (3)—used as a function word to indicate passage from one end or boundary to another <a highway *through* the forest> <a road *through* the desert> (4): without stopping for : PAST <drove *through* a red light>

b—used as a function word to indicate passage into and out of a treatment, handling, or process <the matter has already passed *through* her hands>
- used as a function word to indicate means, agency, or intermediacy: as

a: by means of : by the [agency](#) of

b: because of <failed *through* ignorance>

c: by common descent from or relationship with <related *through* their grandfather>
- a:** over the whole surface or [extent](#) of : THROUGHOUT <homes scattered *through* the valley>

b—used as a function word to indicate movement within a large expanse <flew *through* the air>

c—used as a function word to indicate exposure to a specified set of conditions <put him *through* hell>
- used as a function word to indicate a period of time: as

a: during the entire period of <all *through* her life>

b: from the beginning to the end of <the tower stood *through* the earthquake>

c: to and including <Monday *through* Friday>
- a**—used as a function word to indicate completion or exhaustion <got *through* the book> <went *through* the money in a year>

b—used as a function word to indicate acceptance or approval especially by an official body <got the bill *through* the legislature>

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Examples of THROUGH

- He hit the nail *through* the wood.
- She looked *through* the binoculars.
- The bullet had gone *through* his hand.
- He just walked *through* the door.
- The security guards pushed their way *through* the crowd.
- She could see a figure *through* the fog.
- I looked *through* the window.

Origin of THROUGH

Middle English *thurh*, *thruh*, *through*, from Old English *thurh*; akin to Old High German *durh* through, Latin *trans* across, beyond, Sanskrit *tarati* he crosses over
First Known Use: before 12th century

Related to THROUGH

Synonyms

amid (or amidst), mid, midst, among

Related Words

between, betwixt

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²through  *adverb* \ˈthrū\

- : from one side or end to the other
- : over the whole distance
- : from the beginning to the end

Full Definition of THROUGH

- 1 : from one end or side to the other
- 2 **a**: from beginning to end
b: to completion, conclusion, or **accomplishment** <see it *through*>
- 3 : to the core : **COMPLETELY** <soaked *through*>
- 4 : into the open : **OUT** <break *through*>

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Examples of THROUGH

- Let these people go *through*, please.
- The nail went completely *through*.
- It snowed heavily, but we made it *through*.
- We'll never get *through*—the mud is too deep.
- The package was shipped *through* to New Orleans.
- Read the essay *through* and tell me what you think.

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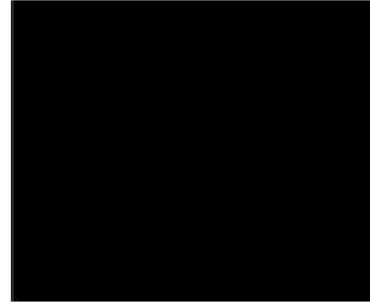
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Synonyms

around, over, round, throughout



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through  *adjective* \ˈthrū\

: having reached the end of an activity, job, etc.

: no longer in a romantic relationship

: no longer able to continue in a role, activity, etc.

Full Definition of THROUGH

- a:** extending from one surface to another <a *through* mortise>
b: *admitting* free or continuous passage : *DIRECT* <a *through* road>
- a (1):** going from point of origin to destination without change or reshipment <a *through* train> (2): of or relating to such movement <a *through* ticket>
b: *initiated* at and destined for points outside a local zone <*through* traffic>
- a:** arrived at completion or accomplishment <is *through* with the job>
b: *WASHED-UP, FINISHED*
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Examples of THROUGH

- I'm not *through* yet. I have one more topic to discuss.
- If you're *through* using the phone, I'd like to use it next.
- Is this a *through* road?
- The left lane is for *through* traffic only.
- When the police were *through* with him, a taxi took him, his suitcase, the homburg funeral hat, in the other direction ...
—Annie Proulx, *Atlantic*, November 1997

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Origin of THROUGH

(see ¹THROUGH)

First Known Use: 15th century

Related to THROUGH

Synonyms

completed, concluded, done, down, ended, finished, over, over with, terminated, complete, up

Antonyms

continuing, incomplete, ongoing, uncompleted, undone, unfinished

Related Words

accomplished, achieved, attained, compassed, realized; dead, defunct, extinct, kaput (*also* kaputt), obsolete; expired

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