Russian: where or where to?

Location and destination with в and на.

YOUR GOAL Use prepositional case for location and accusative for destination in these patterns.

ГДЕ? / WHERE?

These locations use в/на + prepositional case.

Я в школе.
Ya v shkole.
I am at school.

Она на работе.
Ona na rabote.
She is at work.

Мы в парке.
My v parke.
We are in the park.

КУДА? / WHERE TO?

These destinations use в/на + accusative case.

Я иду в школу.
Ya idu v shkolu.
I am going to school.

Она идёт на работу.
Ona idyot na rabotu.
She is going to work.

Мы идём в парк.
My idyom v park.
We are going to the park.

Learn the preposition with the place

Base noun	Location: где?	Destination: куда?
школа	в школе	в школу
работа	на работе	на работу
парк	в парке	в парк
музей	в музее	в музей

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Make the pattern yours.

Use the meaning and the model forms. Then check each answer.

The noun ending matters

в школе / в школу
at school / to school

на работе / на работу
at work / to work

A feminine -a noun often has -e for location and -y for destination in these models.

Movement is not always destination

Я гуляю в парке.
I am walking in the park.

Я иду в парк.
I am going to the park.

Walking inside a place still describes location; going to a place names a destination.

Your turn: eight questions

Fill each gap using the forms in this guide. Use the meaning as your clue.

01 Я в _____. (школа)
I am at school.

02 Я иду в _____. (школа)
I am going to school.

03 Она на _____. (работа)
She is at work.

04 Она идёт на _____. (работа)
She is going to work.

05 Мы в _____. (парк)
We are in the park.

06 Мы идём в _____. (парк)
We are going to the park.

07 Он в _____. (музей)
He is in the museum.

08 Он идёт в _____. (музей)
He is going to the museum.

Check your answers

1. школе (Location: в + prepositional.)
2. школу (Destination: в + accusative.)
3. работе (Location: на + prepositional.)
4. работу (Destination: на + accusative.)
5. парке (Location adds -e here.)
6. парк (Inanimate masculine: accusative = base form.)
7. музее (Location: музей becomes музее.)
8. музей (Inanimate masculine: accusative = base form.)

MAKE IT YOURS Write two examples about your day. Read them aloud and explain your choices.

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