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*prep.*

1.
    - a. In a direction toward so as to reach: *went to the city.*
    - b. Towards: *turned to me.*
  2.
    - a. Reaching as far as: *The ocean water was clear all the way to the bottom.*
    - b. To the extent or degree of: *loved him to distraction.*
    - c. With the resultant condition of: *nursed her back to health.*
  3. Toward a given state: *helping minority women to economic equality.*
  4. In contact with; against: *their faces pressed to the windows.*
  5. In front of: *stood face to face.*
  6. Used to indicate appropriation or possession: *looked for the top to the jar.*
  7. Concerning; regarding: *waiting for an answer to my letter.*
  8. In a particular relationship with: *The brook runs parallel to the road.*
  9. As an accompaniment or a complement of: *danced to the tune.*
  10. Composing; constituting: *two cups to a pint.*
  11. In accord with: *job responsibilities suited to her abilities.*
  12. As compared with: *a book superior to his others.*
  13.
    - a. Before: *The time is ten to five.*
    - b. Up till; until: *worked from nine to five.*
  14.
    - a. For the purpose of: *went out to lunch.*
    - b. In honor of: *a toast to the queen.*
  15.
    - a. Used before a verb to indicate the infinitive: *I'd like to go.*
    - b. Used alone when the infinitive is understood: *Go if you want to.*
  16.
    - a. Used to indicate the relationship of a verb with its complement: *refer to a dictionary; refer me to a dictionary.*
    - b. Used with a reflexive pronoun to indicate exclusivity or separateness: *had the plane to ourselves.*
- adv.*
1. In one direction; toward a person or thing: *owls with feathers wrong end to.*
  2. Into a shut or closed position: *pushed the door to.*
  3. Into a state of consciousness: *The patient came to.*
  4. Into a state of action or attentiveness: *sat down for lunch and fell to.*

5. *Nautical* Into the wind.

[Middle English, from Old English *tō*; see **de-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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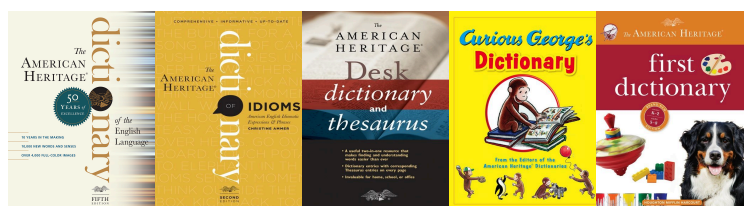
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