

Dimensions

English prepositions sometimes contain the idea of "dimension" within them. Look at this picture:



The preposition tells you whether the grass is short or not. You can't be "in" short grass (unless you're an insect, like an ant or something!).

Similarly, *on the corner* must be out of doors, whereas *in the corner* must be inside. The corner of a street is a flat surface, whereas the corner of a room is surrounded by walls, a floor and a ceiling.

This picture shows, in three columns, the main prepositions of movement, and how many dimensions each one expresses.

