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*preposition* \ˈfrəm, ˈfrām also fəm\

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### Simple Definition of *from*

- —used to indicate the starting point of a physical movement or action
- —used to indicate the place that something comes out of
- —used to indicate the place where someone lives or was born

Source: Merriam-Webster's Learner's Dictionary



### Full Definition of *from*

1. *a* —used as a function word to indicate a starting point of a physical movement or a starting point in measuring or reckoning or in a statement of limits <came here from the city> <a week from today> <cost from \$5 to \$10> *b* —used as a function word to indicate the starting or focal point of an activity <called me from a pay phone> <ran a business from her home>
2. *2* —used as a function word to indicate physical separation or an act or condition of removal, abstention, exclusion, release, subtraction, or differentiation <protection from the sun> <relief from anxiety>
3. *3* —used as a function word to indicate the source, cause, agent, or basis <we conclude from this> <a call from my lawyer> <inherited a love of music from his father> <worked hard from necessity>

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