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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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