

a·cross S1 W1

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adverb, preposition

1 CROSS from one side of something to the other:

the first flight across the Atlantic

*They ran **straight across** the road (= without stopping) .*

We'll have to swim across.

We'd got halfway across before Philip realized he'd left his money at home.

We gazed across the valley.

2 CROSS towards someone or something on the other side of an area:

There's Brendan. Why don't you go across and say hello?

across to/at

The referee looked across at his linesman before awarding the penalty.

He walked across to where I was sitting.

3 CROSS used to say that something exists or reaches from one side of an area to the other:

a deep crack across the ceiling

the only bridge across the river

Do you think this shirt is too tight across the shoulders?

*Someone's parked **right across** the entrance to the driveway.*

4 OPPOSITE/FACE on the opposite side of something:

My best friend lives across the road.

*He knew that **just across** the border lay freedom.*

across (something) from somebody/something

Across the street from where we're standing, you can see the

old churchyard.

the woman sitting across from me (= opposite me) on the train

5 EVERYONE in every part of a country, organization etc:

a TV series that became popular across five continents

*Teachers are expected to teach a range of subjects **right across** the curriculum.*

6 WIDE used to show how wide something is:

ten feet/five metres etc across

The river is 2 kilometres across.

Word origin

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