

through ▪ **prep. and adv.** **1.** Moving in one side and out of the other side of (an opening, channel, or location). ▶ so as to make a hole or opening in (a physical object). ▶ moving around or from one side to the other with (a crowd or group). ▶ expressing the position or location of something beyond (an opening or an obstacle). ▶ so as to be perceived from the other side of (an intervening obstacle). ▶ expressing the position or location of something beyond or at the far end of (an opening or an obstacle). ▶ expressing the extent of turning from one orientation to another. **2.** continuing in time towards completion of (a process or period). ▶ so as to complete (a particular stage or trial) successfully. ▶ from beginning to end of. **3.** so as to inspect all or part of (a collection, inventory, or publication). **4.** North American, up to and including (a particular point in an ordered sequence): *they will be in London from March 24 through May 7.* **5.** by means of (a process or intermediate stage). ▶ by means of (an intermediary or agent): seeking justice through the proper channels. **6.** So as to be connected by telephone. ▪ **adj.** **1.** (with reference to public transport) continuing or valid to the final destination. ▶ (of traffic) passing from one side of a place to another in the course of a longer journey. ▶ (of a road) open at both ends, allowing free passage from one end to the other. **2.** (of a room) running the whole length of a building. **3.** (of a team or competitor) having successfully passed to the next stage of a competition. **4.** *informal* having no prospect of any future relationship, dealings, or success.

Origin: Old English *thruh* (preposition and adverb), of Germanic origin; related to Dutch *door* and German *durch*. The spelling change to *thr-* appears circa 1300, becoming standard from Caxton onwards.

Pronunciation: θru