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German 2: Reviewing commands and prepositions
20-minute exercise

Background: Some prepositions in German take a different case depending on whether the sentence as a whole describes the location of a person, place or thing or the movement of a person, place or thing to a new location. In addition, prepositions (in all languages) tend to be very idiomatic, so this exercise reinforces the meaning of the prepositions.

This exercise can also be used to teach the imperative.

I start out instructing individual students to move to a particular location in the room: go to the white board, the corner, the window, the door; sit at the table, in the easy chair, on your desk, etc. Along the way, I'll stop and ask someone else where that person is. After they've heard lots of these commands and answered many similar questions, I'll call on someone to give a class-mate a command. That person moves only if the command is correct. Continue until they are all getting it right.