

towards
[tə'wɔ:dz] = toward II

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to·wards BrE [tə'wɔ:dz] ^ˈ NAmE [tɔ:rdz] ^ˈ (also **to·ward** BrE [tə'wɔ:d] ^ˈ ;
NAmE [tɔ:r] ^ˈ especially in NAmE) **preposition**

1. in the direction of sb/sth
 - They were heading towards the German border.
 - She had her back towards me.
2. getting closer to achieving sth
 - This is a first step towards political union.
3. close or closer to a point in time
 - towards the end of April
4. in relation to sb/sth
 - He was warm and tender towards her.
 - our attitude towards death
5. with the aim of obtaining sth, or helping sb to obtain sth
 - The money will go towards a new school building (= will help pay for it) .

Word Origin:

[**towards**] Old English tōweardes (see ↑to, ↑-ward).

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to·wards S1 W1 /tə'wɔ:dz/ \$ tɔ:rdz, twɔ:rdz BrE ^ˈ AmE ^ˈ especially British English,
to·ward /tə'wɔ:d/ \$ tɔ:rd, twɔ:rd especially American English **preposition**

1. **DIRECTION** used to say that someone or something moves, looks, faces etc in the direction of someone or something:
 - He noticed two policemen coming towards him.
 - All the windows face toward the river.
 - He was standing with his back towards me.
2. **PRODUCING A RESULT** in a process that will produce a particular result:
 - These negotiations are the first step toward reaching an agreement.
 - The crisis continued as Britain drifted towards war.
3. **FEELING/ATTITUDE** your feeling, attitude, or behaviour towards someone or something is how you feel or think about them or how you treat them:
 - Brian's attitude towards his work has always been very positive.
 - Her parents had been more sympathetic towards her.
4. **HELP PAY FOR** money put, saved, or given towards something is used to pay for it:
 - The money collected will be put towards repairing the church roof.
5. **BEFORE** just before a particular time:
 - Toward the end of the afternoon it began to rain.
6. **NEAR** near a particular place:
 - Uncle Dick and Aunt Mavis live at High Burnton out towards the coast.

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