

IN ON THE WAY

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IN THE WAY

If something or someone is in the way or in my/his/our way, it is in the space which someone needs for a particular movement or action:

- I can't open the door.
The chair is in the way.
- Sorry, am I in your way?

in the way of

if there is not much in the way of something, there is not much of that particular thing

- What is there in the way of tools?
- He doesn't have much in the way of education.

get in the way of

to prevent someone from doing something, or prevent something from happening

- Your social life must not get in the way of your studies.

ON THE WAY

We use on the way or on my/his/our way (to) when we talk about the route, direction or path to somewhere:

- I was on my way to work when she called me.
- I'm on my way. I'll be there in half an hour.



We can use on the way to (plus a noun or an -ing form of a verb) to mean 'close to' doing or completing something:

- He is on his way to becoming a world champion.
- I am now out of hospital and well on the way to recovery.