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On and onto are prepositions.

**We use on when we refer to a position on a surface
(on the table, on the ocean, on the moon, on the
roof, on the bus):**

Your keys are on the table.

The men were standing on the roof.

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We use onto to talk about direction or movement to a position on a surface, usually with a verb that expresses movement:

The cat climbed onto the roof.

She emptied the suitcase full of clothes onto the floor.

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We use on to describe a position along a road or river or by the sea or by a lake:

The hotel is on the road opposite the beach.

They have a fabulous house on a lake in Ireland.

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**We use onto to describe movement towards an end position along a road or river:
The path leads onto the main road.**



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We use on or onto with very little difference in meaning to refer to attachment or movement of something to something else.

Onto gives a stronger feeling of movement:

There's a battery pack with the camera that you can clip onto a belt.

You can save the data onto your hard disk.

Have you put the pictures on your memory stick?

