

Learning Vocabulary: Phrases with go

Go (to) + a place or event

We use phrases with go to + a place when we talk about going to a place for its intended purpose.

I'm **going to university**. = I'm going to study.

He's **going to prison**. = He's a criminal.

Go + -ing

It is common to use go + -ing when we are talking about leisure activities such as shopping, camping or fishing.

I **went swimming** on Sunday.

My boys **went surfing** for the first time.

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Go = become

Go can sometimes mean become which means to change from one state to another. These expressions are often connected to the body.

You're **going grey**.

It happens to us all, unless you **go bald**!

Go for a + noun

This is a useful informal structure. It's a common phrase for informal invitations and can also be used to talk about plans.

What about **going for a meal** this weekend?

I should probably **go for a run**.

Phrasal Verbs with go

Go is often found in phrasal verbs such as go away, go down and go up. The best way to learn phrasal verbs is in context.

The price of butter has **gone up** again.

Prices never **go down**, do they?

Fill in the gaps with the correct form of the phrases with go from the box.

go for a walk go with go deaf go off go blue go fishing go off
go shopping go for a run go over go for a coffee go to bed

- Don't drink that tea. The milk has _____.
- I was so cold my lips _____.
- My dog is very old. I think she's _____.
- Dave isn't here today. He's _____.
- Does this tie _____ my shirt?
- I have set my alarm to _____ at 6.30 am.
- I'm really tired. I need to _____.
- I need some fresh air. I'm _____.
- I hate _____. I prefer to shop online.
- Every morning, Rich _____ to stay fit.
- Are you busy? Do you want to _____?
- I must _____ my work to check for mistakes.

Answers: 1. gone off, 2. went blue, 3. going deaf, 4. gone fishing, 5. go with, 6. go off, 7. go to bed, 8. going for a walk, 9. going shopping, 10. goes for a run, 11. go for a coffee, 12. go over