

# go to ... go on ... go for ... go + -ing

## A

**go to ...** (go to work / go to San Francisco / go to a concert, etc.)

- What time do you usually **go to work**?
- I'm **going to China** next week.
- Jean didn't want to **go to the concert**.
- What time did you **go to bed** last night?
- I **went to the dentist** yesterday.

go to



**go to sleep** = start to sleep:

- I was very tired and **went to sleep** quickly.

**go home** (without to)

- I'm **going home** now. (*not* going to home)

## B

**go on ...**

go on

vacation  
a trip  
a tour  
an excursion  
a cruise  
strike

- We're **going on vacation** next week.
- Children often **go on school trips**.
- When we were in Egypt, we **went on a tour** of the Pyramids.
- Workers at the airport have **gone on strike**.  
(= they are refusing to work)

## C

**go for ...**

go (somewhere) for

a walk  
a run  
a swim  
lunch  
dinner, etc.

- "Where's Joan?" "She **went for a walk**."
- Do you **go for a run** every morning?
- The water looks nice. I'm **going for a swim**.
- Should we **go out for dinner**? I know a good restaurant.

## D

**go + -ing**

We use **go + -ing** for many sports (**swimming/skiing**, etc.) and also **shopping**.

I go  
he is going  
we went  
they have gone  
she wants to go

shopping  
swimming  
fishing  
sailing  
skiing  
jogging  
running, etc.

- Are you **going shopping** this afternoon?
- It's a nice day. Let's **go swimming**.  
(or Let's **go for a swim**.)
- Richard has a small boat, and he often **goes sailing**.
- I **went jogging** before breakfast this morning.



## 56.1 Write to/on/for where necessary.

- I'm going to China next week.
- Richard often goes — sailing. (no preposition)
- Sue went — Mexico last year.
- Would you like to go — the movies tonight?
- Jack goes — jogging every morning.
- I'm going out — a walk. Do you want to come?
- I'm tired because I went — bed very late last night.
- Jim is going — a trip — Turkey next week.
- The weather was warm, and the river was clean, so we went — a swim.
- The taxi drivers went — strike when I was in New York.
- I need some stamps, so I'm going — the post office.
- It's late. I have to go — home now.
- Would you like to go — a tour of the city?
- Do you want to go out — dinner this evening?
- My parents are going — a cruise this summer.

## 56.2 Use the pictures to complete the sentences. Use go/goes/going/went + -ing.



- Richard has a boat. He often goes sailing.
- Last Saturday Diane went fishing.
- Gary goes swimming every day.
- Nicole is going to Colorado next winter. She is going skiing.
- Peter is going out later. He has to go shopping.
- Sarah went jogging after work yesterday.

## 56.3 Complete the sentences. Use the words in the box. Use to/on/for if necessary.

~~a swim~~ vacation Hawaii shopping bed  
a walk home riding skiing college

- The water looks nice. Let's go for a swim.
- After finishing high school, Tina went to college, where she studied psychology.
- I'm going shopping now. I have to buy a few things.
- I was very tired last night. I went to bed early.
- I wasn't enjoying the party, so I went home early.
- We live near the mountains. In winter we go skiing almost every weekend.
- Richard has a horse. He goes riding a lot.
- It's a beautiful day! Would you like to go for a walk in the park?
- A: Are you going on vacation soon?  
B: Yes, next month. We're going to Hawaii. We've never been there before.