

7 Come/came/come

Come and go are different:



A Come in/out

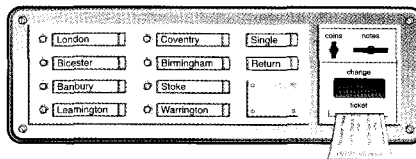
We say 'Come in!' when someone knocks at the door of a room. Then the person who knocked **comes into** the room.



Come out is often the opposite of come in. A woman **came out** of the shop with two big bags. (I was in the street.)



You put your money in and the ticket **comes out** of the machine.



B Come back and come home

Come back means 'return to *this place here*'. She went away for three days. She **came back** yesterday. (She is here again.)

Come back is often used with **from**. They **came back from** Italy yesterday.

Come home is similar; 'home' is 'here' for the person speaking.

MOTHER: What time did you **come home** last night?

ANNE: Oh, about eleven o'clock.

MOTHER: What! Eleven! That's much too late!

C Other important uses of come



A: What country do you **come from**?

B: I'm from Norway. (*or I come from Norway. or I'm Norwegian.*)

We're going to a disco tonight. Do you want to **come along**? (= come with us)

Come and see me some time. (= visit me)

Tip: Write down any prepositions you find with **come** every time you see them.

Exercises

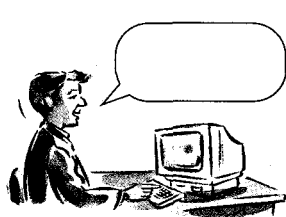
7.1 Fill the gaps in the sentences.

- 1 I put money in, but the ticket didn't come *out of* the machine.
- 2 A: I'm going to Taiwan tomorrow.
B: Oh! When are you coming?
A: Two weeks from now.
- 3 The teacher came the classroom and started the lesson.
- 4 A: Where do you come?
B: I'm Brazilian.
- 5 Come and me at five o'clock; we can talk about it then.
- 6 The children come school at four o'clock.

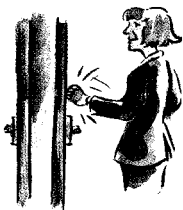
7.2 Answer these questions for yourself.

- 1 What time do you come home every day?
- 2 What country do you come from?
- 3 What do you do when you come into your classroom?

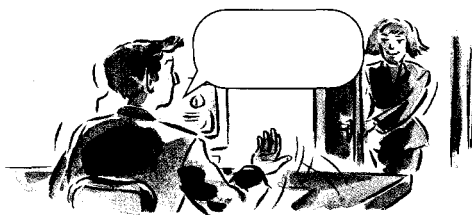
7.3 What do you think these people are saying?



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7.4 Fill the gaps using *come* in the correct form.

- 1 Have you for your letters? They're on the table.
- 2 She back yesterday.
- 3 He here every Tuesday.
- 4 you to the school party tonight?

7.5 Look up these verbs in a dictionary. Write the meaning in your vocabulary book. You may find more than one meaning, but just write down *one* meaning for each verb. After a week, cover the verbs, look at your notes and see if you can remember the verbs.

- 1 come round
- 2 come across
- 3 come up