

Past Tense of Go: Went and Gone

Go is an irregular verb. Use went for a finished action in the past. Use gone after have or has when someone has left or traveled somewhere.

Base	go
Past	went
Past participle	gone
3rd person / -ing	goes / going

Examples

I go to school by bus. — Use go with I, you, we and they in the present.

We go to the park on Sundays. — Go describes a regular activity here.

She went home after lunch. — Went is the past form; it does not need have.

They went to the cinema yesterday. — Yesterday points to a finished past action.

Dad has gone to the shop. — Has gone means he left and may still be there.

They have gone to the station. — They left and may still be at the station.

Notes

Gone or been? She has gone to the shop means she is away now. She has been to the shop means she visited and came back.

Go to, but go home Say go to school or go to work, but go home without to.

Common mistakes

I goed home. → I went home. — Go has the irregular past form went, never goed.

She has went to work. → She has gone to work. — After has, use the past participle gone.

Exercises

Choose the right form

1. We ___ to the beach last Saturday. (go / went / gone)
2. My sister has ___ to bed already. (went / gone / goed)
3. I ___ to work by train every day. (go / went / gone)
4. He ___ to the doctor yesterday. (gone / go / went)

Write the missing form

1. They have ___ to the library.
2. I ___ to my friend's house yesterday.
3. We ___ shopping every Friday.

Correct the mistake

1. She has went home.

Answer key

Choose the right form

1. went — Last Saturday is a finished past time, so use went.
2. gone — Has takes the past participle gone.
3. go — Every day describes a present routine: I go.
4. went — Use went for yesterday; gone needs have or has.

Write the missing form

1. gone — Have plus the past participle is have gone.
2. went — Yesterday takes the past simple went.
3. go — A regular activity in the present uses go.

Correct the mistake

1. gone — After has, use gone, not went.

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