A2 ENGLISH

The verb

GO

Places, activities and everyday life

Where do you go?

On a normal weekday...

Where do you go in the morning?
Where do you go after work or school?

At the weekend...

What activities do you enjoy?

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Home, here and there

go + place word

Use these expressions without “to”.

Let’s go home.

Can we go outside?

I want to go there again.

Also: go abroad, go upstairs, go downstairs

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Cities and countries

go to + place name

Use “to” before the name of a destination.

We want to go to Lisbon.

Marta goes to Italy every summer.

Did you go to Berlin last year?

Compare: go to Spain / go abroad

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Everyday destinations

go to work / bed / school

Learn these expressions without “a” or “the”.

My brother goes to work at eight.

I usually go to bed before midnight.

The children go to school by bus.

Also: go to university, go to prison

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School or the school?

go to school

A student’s normal activity

Eva goes to school every weekday.

go to the school

A visit to a specific building

Her dad goes to the school to meet her teacher.

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Places around town

go to the + place

Many familiar destinations use “the”.

I need to go to the pharmacy.

We’re going to the cinema tonight.

Leo goes to the gym on Tuesdays.

Also: the bank, the supermarket, the dentist’s

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A café or the café?

go to a café

Any café, or one we have not identified yet.

Let’s go to a café near here.

go to the café

We know which café.

Let’s go to the café next to your flat.

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Sports and free time

go + verb-ing

Use this pattern for many leisure activities.

We go hiking in the mountains.

Amir went swimming yesterday.

Let’s go dancing on Saturday.

More examples: shopping, cycling, fishing, skiing

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An activity or a destination?

go swimming

What do you do?

We go swimming
every Sunday.

go to the pool

Where do you go?

We go to the pool
near our house.

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Walks, runs and drinks

go for a + activity noun

Use a noun to describe an outing or activity.

Shall we go for a walk after lunch?

I went for a run before breakfast.

Let’s go for a drink after class.

Also: go for a swim, go for a ride

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Two ways to talk about exercise

go running

go for a run

I often go running.

I’m going for a run now.

Both are possible. Keep the correct form after “go”.

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Trips and holidays

go on a + trip noun

Use “on” for trips, tours and similar experiences.

We went on a boat trip.

They want to go on a cruise.

Let’s go on a tour of the city.

Common expression: go on holiday (without “a”)

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The form of “go” changes

Every week	I go shopping. She goes shopping.
Yesterday	We went shopping. Did you go shopping?
Right now	They are going shopping.

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The patterns at a glance

go	home / there / abroad
go to	Paris / work / bed
go to a/the	café / bank / concert
go + -ing	swimming / shopping
go for a	walk / run / drink
go on a	trip / tour / cruise

PRACTICE

Your turn

Which words follow “go”?

Choose. Complete. Correct. Speak.

PRACTICE

1. Which expression fits?

Choose the correct option.

1 I’m tired. Let’s go home / to home.

2 She goes to work / to the work at nine.

3 We went swim / swimming in the lake.

4 Let’s go for a walk / to a walk after dinner.

5 They went for a cruise / on a cruise.

6 I need to go to the bank / the bank.

PRACTICE

2. The missing word

Write to, for, on or – (no word).

1 We want to go _____ Canada next year.

2 It is warm today. Let’s go _____ a swim.

3 My cousins often go _____ camping.

4 We’re going _____ a guided tour tomorrow.

5 Please go _____ upstairs and get your bag.

6 They go _____ holiday every August.

PRACTICE

3. A day out

Complete each sentence with one word.

1 Yesterday, we _____ on a trip to the coast.

2 First, we went _____ a walk on the beach.

3 Then we went _____ in the sea. (swim)

4 At lunchtime, we went _____ a small café.

5 After lunch, we _____ shopping in the town.

6 At six, we went _____. (our own house)

PRACTICE

4. The sentence clinic

Correct the mistakes. Two sentences are already correct.

1 We went to home after the film.

2 She goes for a run before work.

3 Do you want to go to shopping?

4 My sister goes to the work by train.

5 They went on a trip last weekend.

6 Did you went to the cinema yesterday?

PRACTICE

5. Same idea, new pattern

Complete the second sentence. Keep a similar meaning.

1 Let’s go walking.
Let’s go for _____.

2 She went for a swim.
She went _____.

3 I want to go running.
I want to go for _____.

SPEAKING

6. Your perfect Saturday

With a partner, agree on a plan for the day.

Morning: Where will you go?

Afternoon: What activity will you do?

Evening: Where will you go together?

Use at least four different patterns with “go”.

“Let’s go…” “I’d rather go…” “That sounds good!”

SPEAKING

7. True story or invented story?

Tell a partner about a memorable day out.

Where did you go? Who did you go with?

What activities did you do?

What happened that was funny or surprising?

Use “went” at least four times.

Your partner asks questions and guesses: true or invented?

WRITING

8. A message to a friend

Write 60–80 words about your plans for next weekend.

Include a destination and two activities.

Use at least four different patterns with “go”.

Invite your friend and suggest a meeting time.

Check: to? for? on? no preposition?