

Phrasal verbs with “go” (go / went / gone)

Phrasal verbs are verbs that are combined with one or two articles (usually a preposition or an adverb). Here are some examples using the verb “go”.

A) Physical movements

1) go up/down

to move vertically

The elevator **went up** to the twentieth floor.

The elevator **went down** to the ground floor.

2) go straight/ahead

to continue

Just **go ahead** for 2 miles and you will see it on the right.

3) go left/right

to turn left/right

You have to **go left** after one block, then **go right**.

4) go in/out

to enter/to exit

Every time I **go in** the house, I take off my shoes.

Let's **go out** tonight. What do you prefer – cinema or restaurant?

5) go back

to return

I've forgotten my passport – we need to **go back**.

6) go around

to circumnavigate

You should **go around** the roundabout and take the third exit.

7) go under/over

to pass under/over

You **go under** the bridge then go left.

You **go over** the bridge then go right.

8) go through

to pass through

You need to **go through** the shop to get to the car park.

B) Other meanings

1) go away

to disappear

to travel

Go away! You're bothering me!

Next year I think I'll **go away** for one month.

2) go on

to continue

I'm sorry about the interruption. Please **go on**.

3) go off

to sound

to spoil

My alarm **goes off** every day at 6am.

If you don't put the milk in the fridge, it will **go off**.

Exercise 1. Complete the following with phrasal verbs from above, conjugating as necessary.

1. Can you please _____ to the house – I've forgotten my wallet.
2. You need to _____ to the sixth floor. The apartment is 608.
3. (*in a race*) I can't _____. I'm exhausted!
4. Sorry – my car has broken down – you'll have to _____.
5. This meat stinks! I think that it has _____.
6. My dog lives in the backyard – it never _____ the house.
7. My house alarm _____ at 5:20 this morning! But it was only a cat!
8. My son never _____. He spends all of his time in his bedroom.
9. My boss _____ twice a year – and always to Europe.

Exercise 2. Complete the following, using phrasal verbs and the images below.

To get to the library, you need to _____(1) , then _____(2), then _____(3) the bridge, then _____(4) the river. After that, you _____(5) for about a mile then you _____(6) the roundabout, taking the third exit. You'll see the lighthouse on the right after about 100 meters. If you get to the lake, it means you went too far, so you'll have to _____(7).



Recommended video (5 ways to use "go"):

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DWUOHLkZQeI> (13 mins)