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How to Use the Word “Go”? – Part 1

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In our last blog, we learnt how to use the word “Go” with activities, adjectives and while asking and giving directions to someone. In today’s blog, we’ll learn a few more usages of the word Go.

Go Vs Come

One of the biggest confusion starts with these opposite verbs. Everyone at one point of time might have surely got confused between these two. These words are similar to borrow and lend, take and bring, which also creates the same level of confusion. These mistakes are common for all learners. So, don’t worry and keep practicing as practice makes your perfect.

We use ‘go’ to explain when something or someone is moving away from where the speaker is now, or was, if used in the past form.

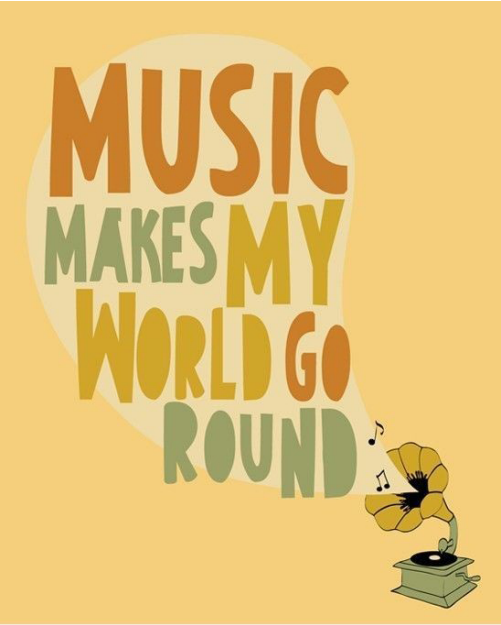
Examples:

a - I go to gym at 9.00 everyday.
b - Leena goes to college in the afternoon.
c - Sachin went to that haunted movie theatre last week.

Whereas we use ‘Come’ to explain a movement that is in the direction of the speaker.

Examples:

a - He comes to my gym every day to accompany me.
b - When you come to my event, bring your id card with you so that you get your entry.
c - She didn’t come to my show because it was far away from her place.



Expressions with go

There are many expressions with ‘go’, we’ll focus on some of them today.

1. **Have a go = Try it**

Have a go is generally used to encourage someone or to motivate someone or to express that you would try for yourself.

Examples:

a - You might not understand what is written in the book but have a go on it.
b - Scuba diving is adventurous, I would definitely love to have a go one day.

2. **How is (something) going = To ask if something is good/bad or easy/difficult**

How is something going is used when you are talking about studies, relationships or jobs, etc.

Examples:

a - Neha, how’s your college going? How are the teachers in the college?
b - Well, how are things going with your new girlfriend? -“It’s kind of going”.

3. **Go all out = put all your energy or enthusiasm into what you are doing**

We use this expression to say when someone has prepared an event or involved themselves in that event.

Examples:

a - The reception party was fantastic. They must have really went all out with the decorations and food.
b - The team went all out for a win.

4. **It goes without saying = you might want to examine whether you need to say that thing**

This expression is used to show the listener that what you are saying is true and logical and everyone should

know.

Examples:

a - It goes without saying that you need to be confident in an interview.
b - It goes without saying that if you borrow money, you have to pay it back.

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