

HAVE BEEN TO, HAVE GONE TO, HAVE BEEN IN

Confused by "have been to" and "have gone to"? Think of them as plane tickets!

HAVE GONE TO is like a one-way ticket:

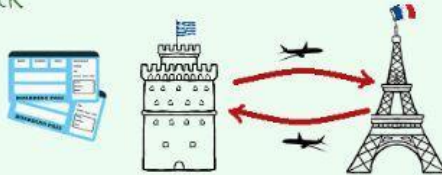
Somebody went somewhere and has not come back.



- Is Helena coming to Magda's New Year's Eve party?
- No, she's **gone to** Paris. She'll spend the holidays there.

HAVE BEEN TO is like a return ticket:

Somebody went somewhere and then came back.



- Oh, how nice! I'd love to go there!
- I've **been to** Paris twice. I love it!

HAVE BEEN IN is like a hotel reservation:

Somebody is staying somewhere.



- Isn't Penny in Paris, too?
- Yes, she's **been in** France for two years now.

Choose the correct answer:

- Hello, is Ms Robinson there?
- No, she _____ the bank. Would you like to leave a message?
- What's wrong with Mike? He _____ the bathroom for ages!
- Tom is a law-abiding citizen now but he _____ prison for armed robbery.
- _____ the neighbour's garden again? I can't find him!
- _____ Austria?
- Alison and Jamie _____ the park. They're walking the dog.
- Claudia _____ London ever since she went there to study 12 years ago.
- I _____ that new Mexican restaurant but I hear their food is delicious.
- No, Paul _____ the gym, he's right here.
- How long _____ New York City?

Complete the sentences with the correct form of *have gone to*, *have been to* or *have been in*:

- What are all these bags? _____ the shops? [you]
- My uncle used to be a sailor, so he _____ Brazil and India and all over the world.
- You look tanned. _____ the beach?
- Joan sent us a postcard. She _____ Edinburgh for 2 weeks and she writes it's lovely.
- Connor _____ Disneyland twice.
- Daisy and Max _____ the theatre. They'll be back by eleven.
- Vicky _____ Japan for six months now, so she's made some friends.
- _____ a football match again? [your brother]
- Robert _____ his grandparents. He'll stay there all week.
- Aunt Margaret _____ hospital for three weeks. She's finally getting better.

Another trick to tell them apart: Remember that we tell people we don't want to see again to *go to* hell, not *be to* hell... Of course there are some exceptions...

