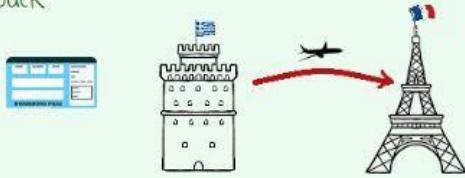


# HAVE BEEN TO, HAVE GONE TO, HAVE BEEN IN

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

HAVE GONE TO is like a one-way ticket:

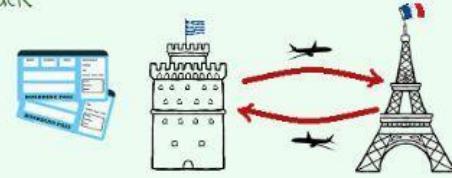
Somebody went somewhere and has not come back.



- 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:



- 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 **isn't** in the bank. Would you like to leave a message?
- What's wrong with Mike? He **has been in** the bathroom for ages!
- Tom is a law-abiding citizen now but he **has been in** prison for armed robbery.
- Has he been in** the neighbour's garden again? I can't find him!
- Has he been to** Austria?
- Alison and Jamie **are in** the park. They're walking the dog.
- Claudia **has been to** London ever since she went there to study 12 years ago.
- I **haven't been to** that new Mexican restaurant but I hear their food is delicious.
- No, Paul **isn't** in the gym, he's right here.
- How long **has he been in** 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? **Has he been to** the shops? [you]
- My uncle used to be a sailor, so he **has been to** Brazil and India and all over the world.
- You look tanned. **Has he been to** the beach?
- Joan sent us a postcard. She **has been to** Edinburgh for 2 weeks and she writes it's lovely.
- Connor **has been to** Disneyland twice.
- Daisy and Max **are in** the theatre. They'll be back by eleven.
- Vicky **has been to** Japan for six months now, so she's made some friends.
- Has he been to** a football match again? [your brother]
- Robert **isn't** in his grandparents. He'll stay there all week.
- Aunt Margaret **is in** 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...

