

The many meanings of go

Name _____

Date _____

DIRECTIONS

Every sentence below uses a form of *go* — *goes*, *going*, *went*, *gone* — printed in bold. Read each group and notice how the meaning shifts, and how the sign changes along with it. Then write your own sentences on the blank lines. A few groups carry a sign hint in green.

1 PROCEED WITH

carry on with what you were already doing

- ◆ **Go** ahead with your homework even if I'm not here.
- ◆ **Go** ahead and eat.
- ◆ **Go** on with the story.

2 CONTINUE

keep at it, all the way to the end

- ◆ I will keep **going** until I'm finished.
- ◆ Keep **going** until you reach the end.
- ◆ My sister is **going** straight through until she graduates.

3 OBEY OR FOLLOW

to go by a rule, a guide, or a set of instructions

- ◆ You must **go** by the rules.
 - ◆ Do you **go** by the Ten Commandments?
 - ◆ I **went** by the instructions, but it didn't work out.
 - ◆ Do you believe in **going** by the stars?
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4 TAKE PART IN

SIGN: CHIP IN

to put in money or effort along with other people

- ◆ Let's **go** in for pizza – \$2.00 each.
 - ◆ Do you want to **go** in on a gift for Anne?
 - ◆ My mom and I **went** in together for the wedding gift.
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5 WHAT IS HAPPENING

asking what is taking place right now

- ◆ What's **going** on?
 - ◆ I have to see what is **going** on.
 - ◆ What is **going** on Friday night?
 - ◆ What is **going** on with you?
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6 ACCOMPANY

to come along with someone

- ♦ Will you **go** with me?
 - ♦ Can I **go** to the store with you?
 - ♦ Sally **went** with him to the movies.
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7 LOOK NICE TOGETHER

SIGN: AGREE

one thing flatters another; they suit each other

- ♦ Pastel colors **go** well with your summer tan.
 - ♦ That hat does not **go** with her dress.
 - ♦ That jacket **goes** well with your white slacks.
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8 FIT TOGETHER

SIGN: COME TOGETHER

separate parts working smoothly as one whole

- ♦ The individual acts in the show **went** together very well.
 - ♦ Everything is **going** well with the wedding plans.
 - ♦ Everything **went** together like clockwork.
 - ♦ Her ideas and mine **went** right together.
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9 MATCH

two things that make a natural pair

- ♦ They **go** together like hand in glove.
 - ♦ Those two **go** together; they have the same personalities.
 - ♦ The puzzle **went** together easily.
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10 USED UP

it was consumed; there is none left

- ♦ The cookies are all **gone**.
 - ♦ My money is **gone**; no pizza for me!
 - ♦ The milk is all **gone**.
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11 FAILING (HEALTH)

getting worse a little at a time

- ♦ My grandmother's eyesight is **going**.
 - ♦ With cataracts, your sight **goes** gradually downhill.
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12 START MOVING

SIGN: INDEX FINGERS, PROGRESS

getting underway; setting off

- ♦ I'm **going**... don't push!
 - ♦ Get **going**... You're late.
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13 DISAPPEAR (LOST)

out of sight, and you cannot find it

- ♦ My dog is **gone**.
 - ♦ The plane is **gone**; we're looking for it.
 - ♦ My ring... It's **gone**!
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14 LEAVE IN A HURRY

departing right away, without delay

- ♦ I'm **going** home immediately after class.
 - ♦ Let's **go**!
 - ♦ I've got to **go**.
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15 BE GOING TO (WILL)

something planned that has not happened yet

- ♦ He is **going** to learn to fly.
 - ♦ I am **going** to leave for college next week.
 - ♦ What are you **going** to do?
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16 GO OUT (DATE)

SIGN: OUTSIDE

heading out somewhere for fun, often with someone

- ♦ Let's **go** out to eat!
 - ♦ My brother is **going** on a date Friday night.
 - ♦ They **went** out to a concert at Whiting.
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17 GO IN (ENTER)

moving into a building or a space

- ♦ **Go** in at the south door.
 - ♦ My dog is too big to **go** into his doghouse; so am I.
 - ♦ Recess is over; it's time to **go** in.
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18 MOVE ALONG

SIGN: LEAVE, ONE HAND

on the way; traveling, with no destination named

- ♦ We **went** yesterday.
 - ♦ I'm **going** too.
 - ♦ Sally **went** shopping.
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19 GO TO A PLACE

SIGN: GO

traveling to one particular destination

- ♦ Will you **go** to the store with me?
 - ♦ Please **go** to the principal's office.
 - ♦ She will **go** to the doctor tomorrow.
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20 GET AWAY

SIGN: GET AWAY

leave me alone; go somewhere else

- ♦ **Go** away and leave me alone.
 - ♦ Get **going**. You have work to do.
 - ♦ She is **gone** for the evening.
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CHALLENGE

Twenty groups — but in only some of them does anyone actually travel anywhere. Sort them into two lists: groups where *go* means real movement from one place to another, and groups where it means something else entirely. Then pick your favorite group from the second list and explain what the sign shows instead of movement.

THINK ABOUT IT

Twenty groups, one English word — and in ASL, twenty different signs. Very few of them use the sign GO. Choose five of your own sentences from anywhere on this sheet and be ready to sign them for the class.