

Unit 119

To, been to, into By car / in my car

a To We say **go/come/travel** (etc.) to a place or event. For example:

go to America	come to England	return to Italy
fly to Moscow	walk to work	drive to the airport
go to the bank	go to a party	go to a concert
be sent to prison	be taken to hospital	go to bed

We say **get to** (*but arrive in/at* - see **Unit 118e**):

- What time did you **get to** London/work/the party?

We say **go home / come home / get home** etc. (with no preposition):

- I'm tired. Let's **go home**.
- What time did you **get home** last night?

b Been to I have **been to** (a place) = I have visited a place; I went there but now I have come back (see also **Unit 13d**):

- Have you ever **been to** Japan?
- I've **been to** Rome four times.
- Ann has never **been to** a football match in her life.
- Jack has got plenty of money. He has just **been to** the bank.

c Into 'Go **into** / come **into**' etc. = **enter** (a room /building etc.):

- I opened the door and **went into** the room.
- Don't wait outside! **Come into** the house.
- The man the police were chasing **ran into** a shop.
- A bird **flew into** the room through the window.

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d By car / in my car We use **by ...** to say how we travel:

by car	by train	by plane	by boat/ship	by bus	by bicycle
<i>also:</i>	by road	by rail	by air	by sea	by Underground

- 'How did you go to Paris?' 'By **plane**.'
- Tom usually goes to work **by bicycle / by car / by bus / by train**.

But we say 'on foot':

- Did you come here **by car** or **on foot**?

But you cannot use **by** if you say 'my car / the train / a taxi' etc. We say 'in my car' (*not* 'by my car'), 'on the train' (*not* 'by the train').

We use **in** for cars and taxis:

in my car in Tom's car in the car in a car in a taxi

We say **get in(to) / get out of** a car or taxi:

He **got into** the car and drove off. (*or* He got **in** the car ...)

We use **on** for bicycles and public transport (buses, trains etc.):

on my bicycle on the bus on the 6.45 train on a big ship

We say **get on / get off** a bicycle, bus or train:

Quick! **Get on** the train. It's ready to leave.

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