Go

Go is a word commonly used in literature and students will encounter many of its definitions. Many uses of this word involve leaving a location or being in movement. Most people have to leave their home to go to work or school. When you travel to a friend's house you are going somewhere.

Another use of the word *go* relates to people's body or behavior. For example, *go* as in to lose bodily strength or *go* as in energy or spirit. Narratives often focus on characters that are full of spirited energy because they can have unusual or interesting lives full of rich lessons. Other stories may highlight the changes a body can *go* through, like losing ones hearing or eyesight.

Follow Up

- How could the word *go* be used to describe losing your eyesight or being enthusiastic about something? Do these uses of the word *go* have anything in common?

- How is departing from your house different than fleeing your house?
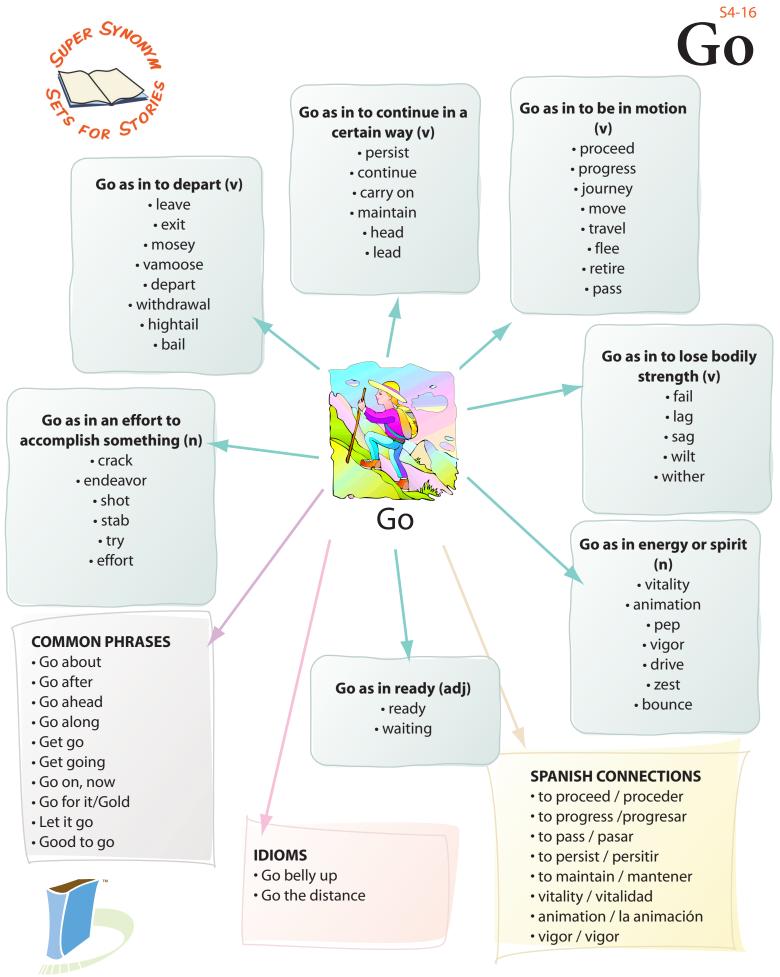
Spanish Connection

Go does not have a Spanish cognate. The word *go* originates from the Old English word *gán,* relating to the Middle High German word *gân* and the Dutch word *gaan. Go* may not have a Spanish cognate, but many synonyms of *go* do. For example, the cognate of *proceed* is *proceder.*

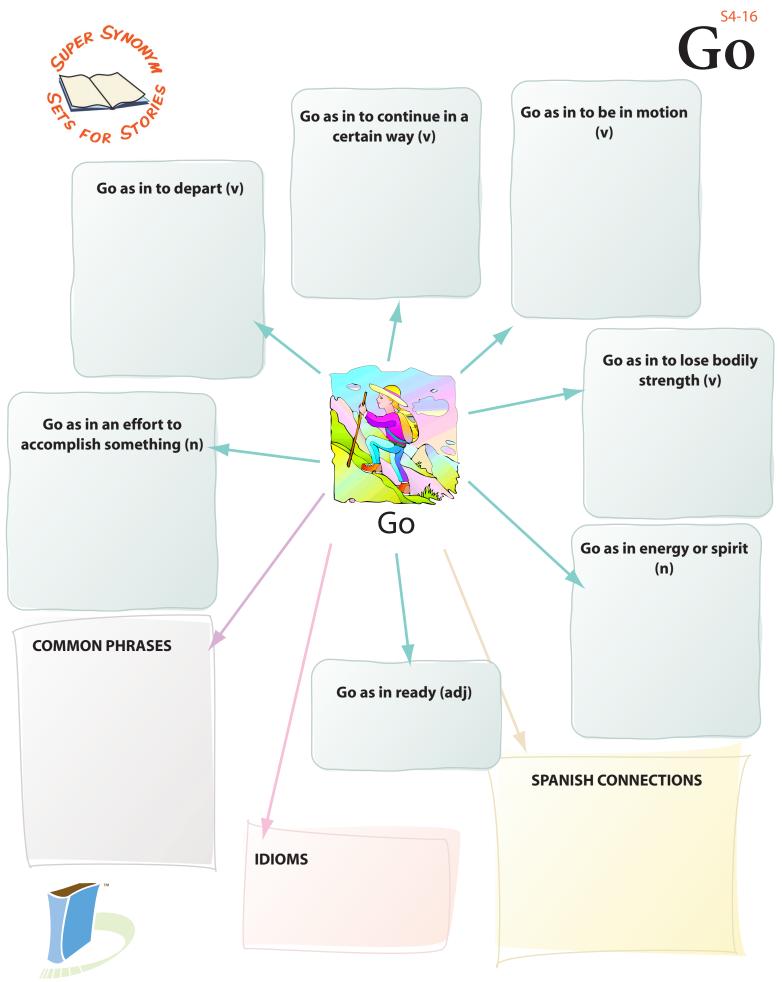## Word Changes

Went and *gone* are also connected to the word *go* because *go* is often used as an irregular verb. *Went* is the simple past and *gone* is the past participle of *go.* For example, "Frankie went to the library after school on Wednesday" or "Frankie had gone to the library many times before he checked out a book." Students will encounter *went* and *gone* in literature, too.

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SUPER SYNONYM SETS FOR STORIES

Go as in to continue in a certain way (v)
- persist
- continue
- carry on
- maintain
- head
- lead

Go as in to be in motion (v)
- proceed
- progress
- journey
- move
- travel
- flee
- retire
- pass

Go as in to depart (v)
- leave
- exit
- mosey
- vamoose
- depart
- withdrawal
- hightail
- bail

Go as in to lose bodily strength (v)
- fail
- lag
- sag
- wilt
- wither

Go as in an effort to accomplish something (n)
- crack
- endeavor
- shot
- stab
- try
- effort

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Go as in energy or spirit (n)
- vitality
- animation
- pep
- vigor
- drive
- zest
- bounce

COMMON PHRASES
- Go about
- Go after
- Go ahead
- Go along
- Get go
- Get going
- Go on, now
- Go for it/Gold
- Let it go
- Good to go

Go as in ready (adj)
- ready
- waiting

IDIOMS
- Go belly up
- Go the distance

SPANISH CONNECTIONS
- to proceed / proceder
- to progress /progresar
- to pass / pasar
- to persist / persitir
- to maintain / mantener
- vitality / vitalidad
- animation / la animación
- vigor / vigor

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Go as in to be in motion (v)

Go as in to depart (v)

Go as in to lose bodily strength (v)

Go as in an effort to accomplish something (n)

Go as in energy or spirit (n)

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COMMON PHRASES

Go as in ready (adj)

IDIOMS

SPANISH CONNECTIONS

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Inflected Endings
- goes
- going

Compound Words
- outgoing
- go-cart

Irregular Spelling
- went
- gone

Morphological
Family for
Go

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Super Synonym Sets for Stories

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