

## have been to vs. have gone to vs. have been in

### 1) have been to:

"have been to" indicates that you are talking about trips or journeys specifically to Paris. "To" is a preposition of motion and you are talking about movement towards, and arrival in, Paris.

We use "been to" to say that we went somewhere and came back and that we are not there anymore.

He's been to London many times.

Ask Tom for some money. He's been to the bank today.

I have been to Paris before, and I can tell you that it's an amazing city. (I am back now)

My brother has been to Venice. I am sure he can give us some advice about where to eat or where to stay.

Note: We don't always use to

I have never been abroad.(not... been to... )

### 2) have gone to:

"have gone to" refer to someone who has gone to a place but has but not yet returned.

We use "have gone to" to say that we went somewhere and we are still there.

A: Where is your sister Sam?

B: She has gone to the market, she will be home soon.

Note: As you can understand, we cannot use subject pronouns (I and We) with "gone to".

I have been to London. I have gone to London. ("I am in London."?)

He's gone to the bank. He should be back soon.

Where has Tom gone to? He's gone to the business conference for the week.

### 3) have been in:

"have been in" connotes a stay in Paris (which may be short, or very long, or simply passing through). In denotes position, and you are talking about the state or condition of being located in Paris. It doesn't matter whether you took a trip there or not.

We use "been in" to give information about how long we have been somewhere.

A: How long have you been in Paris?

B: I have been in Paris for six years and never thought of going back to my homeland.