

Goin' or Gonna?: Talking About Plans

A. Read the two conversations below.



1. Formal English:

Speaker A: I'm going to the park now.

Speaker B: Why?

Speaker A: I'm going to play tennis.

2. Informal English:

Speaker A: I'm goin' to the park now.

Speaker B: Why?

Speaker A: I'm gonna play tennis.

You can say *goin'* instead of *going* when you are talking about moving from one place to another. You can say *gonna* instead of *going to* when you are talking about something you plan to do in the future. The next word after *gonna* must be a verb.

B. Complete the sentences below. Write your answer on the line. (There are many possible answers, but the first word in your answer must be a verb.)

1. Speaker A: I'm going to the post office now.
Speaker B: Why?
Speaker A: I'm going to _____.
2. Speaker A: I'm going to the library now.
Speaker B: Why?
Speaker A: I'm going to _____.
3. Speaker A: I'm going to the gym now.
Speaker B: Why?
Speaker A: I'm going to _____.
4. Speaker A: I'm going to the café now.
Speaker B: Why?
Speaker A: I'm going to _____.
5. Speaker A: I'm going home now.
Speaker B: Why?
Speaker A: I'm going to _____.
6. Speaker A: I'm going outside now.
Speaker B: Why?
Speaker A: I'm going to _____.

C. Read the sentences above aloud with a partner. Speaker A can say *goin'* instead of *goin'* and *gonna* instead of *going to*.