Hi, Sian here for BBC Learning English. And today, we're going to look at these two little words.

So **been** and **gone** are both past participles, both used with the present perfect, but they don't have the same meaning.

We use **been** to talk about complete visits. So, **she has been to Paris** means that she visited Paris at some point in the past and now she's back in the UK. Careful with pronunciation. When we say been in a sentence, it becomes /bɪn/. **She's been to Paris.**

But, **she's gone to Paris** means she travelled to Paris and she's still in Paris now. She's on holiday. **She's gone to Paris.**

Easy, right? **Been** – you go somewhere and return. **Gone** – you go somewhere but don't return.