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## English In A Minute

### Go on doing vs Go on to do



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Hi I'm Phil and I'm going to tell you the difference between **go on doing** and **go on to do** something.

Now, the meaning of **go on** depends on whether it's followed by the gerund or the infinitive.

So if we have **go on doing** – that's the gerund – it means 'to continue doing something'. So, for example: **I'd like to go on talking now**. Or: **I really like this city! I'd like to go on living here for years!**

**Go on to do** – that's the infinitive – means 'to progress on to something'. For example: **I'd like to go on to study more languages**. Or: **You could go on to have an even better job!**

Just remember that if you **go on doing** something, you don't change. And if you **go on to do** something, you do change. So, if you **go on practising** your English, you'll **go on to be** even better than you are now!