

1. Going “for a bit” and making “quick round trips”

Refer to this table while answering some questions involving these verbs. Remember... they're all perfective!

prefix	indeterminate infinitive		→	perfective infinitive only!	
с-	ходить И	to go by foot	→	сходить И	to make a quick round trip by foot
	ездить И ¹	to go by vehicle		съездить И	to make a quick round trip by vehicle
	бегать АЙ ²	to run		сбегать АЙ	to make a quick round trip by running
prefix	indeterminate infinitive		→	perfective infinitive only!	
по-	ходить И	to go by foot	→	походить И	to walk for a bit
	плавать АЙ ³	to go by water		поплавать АЙ	to swim for a bit
	бегать АЙ	to run		побегать АЙ	to run for a bit

Students almost always ask... are there really no **imperfective** forms for these verbs? For the “quick round trip” verbs, the answer is no. For the “for a bit” verbs, however, there are related forms — derived imperfectives that mean “to do **intermittently**” (that is, to “do for a bit” repeatedly, now and again). An example would be **похаживать**. However, these are quite rarely used — especially in speech, and especially for motion verbs. But do watch for examples in literature, for all kinds of actions. Chekhov in particular seems to love these verbs.

Тебе <u>надо</u> сходить за продуктами. За чем <u>именно</u> ?	You need to grab some groceries. What exactly?
Тебе <u>надо</u> куда-нибудь съездить в эти выходные? Почему?	Do you have to go anywhere this weekend? Why?
Мы все устали, правда? Давайте сбегаем за кофе!	We're all tired, right? Let's make a coffee run!
Вы засыпаете? Встаньте и походите по комнате!	Falling asleep? Get up and walk around the room!
Побегайте на месте!	Run in place for a bit!
Потанцуйте , если хотите!	Dance a little, if you like!

2. Happening, and having to

Был такой случай, когда ты просто сошёл (сошла) с ума?	Was there ever an instance when you simply lost your mind? Tell what happened!
Тебе часто приходиться сбегать домой за забытой вещью?	Do you often have to run home for something you forgot?
Тебе придётся много работать в эти выходные?	Will you have to work a lot this weekend?
Ты читал(а) новости? Что происходит сейчас на свете?	Have you read the news? What's happening?
Ты ясновидящий (-ая)? Предскажи, что сейчас произойдёт !	Are you clairvoyant? Predict what's about to happen!

3. Being located

Give a rough idea of where something is located. Useful constructions for answering include: **(не)далеко от** чего (not) far from; **рядом с** чем (next to); and **напротив** чего: across from.

Где находится (твое) общежитие ?	Where's (your dorm) located? Far from here?
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4. Have you lost your mind?

Take turns making an ill-advised “**Давай...**” suggestion, then shooting it down with a “Have you lost your mind?” — or embracing it with a “**Давай!**” For example:

— Давай пойдём в библиотеку и побегаем там!	Let's go to the library and run around!
— Ты что, с ума сошёл (сошла)? / — Хорошо, давай!	Have you lost your mind? / OK, let's do it!
— Давай потанцуем на столе во время урока!	Let's dance on the table during class!
— Ты что, с ума сошёл (сошла)? / — Хорошо, давай!	Have you lost your mind? / OK, let's do it!