Getting Precise with Language

“Goes” is a very general word that is used in everyday language in a variety of ways. A precise word is a higher level word that has a meaning similar—but more specific than—the general word.

**DIRECTIONS:** In each sentence, the blank represents the word “goes.” Replace the word “goes” in each sentence with a more precise verb that is specific to the intended meaning of each sentence. Write the precise verb on the line.

*Example:*  
John (goes)____________ to the finish line and wins the race.  
John dashes to the finish line and wins the race.

1. Ryan________________, “When were going to tell me!”

2. Melanie________________ to her room, furious about being grounded.

3. Karen______________ across the street while we wait impatiently for her.

4. George______________ over the fence and keeps on going.

5. The car______________ past the gas station.

6. The zebra______________ across the savannah.


8. Tanya______________Klondike Middle School.