Get vs. take vs. bring vs. carry?!? … After doing this task, you'll know!

(*Pssst*! If you haven't done it, already, you also need to do my task for the 6 categories of "get"!)

1. ***Let's do GET vs TAKE, first***. Which is which?! Click on, drag, & drop these words, correctly.



get

take



_____ _____

2. Why did you put the words where you did? Type your answer, below (ungraded):

_____

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Did you drag and drop the words, correctly? Look at these examples, and decide…

You: "*My pen just ran out of ink!*"

Me: "*Here, take this one, or you could get that one behind you, if you prefer blue.*"

Me (offering you cookies on a platter): "*Here, take two, they're small!*"*

You (rising from the couch): "*I think I'll get myself a soda. Do you want something?*"

Me (seated firmly on the couch): "*Sure, would you get me one, too?*"

3. Changed your mind? Do it, again, now you've had a chance to see some examples.



get

take



_____ _____

*Say, "Take two, they're small," even when they aren't, to be polite to your guests and to be funny. ☺

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By now, you've seen that we use "**take**" when all the receiving person has to do is to move ONLY THEIR ARMS, while we use "**get**" for "fetch," that is, when the person has to move their BODY, *even if it's just to turn around in a chair*! (The same rules apply to animals, but what the animal moves to "take" something depends on the animal…mouth, trunk, pincers, paw,…!)

4. WRITE your own sentences with "**get**" and "**take**" with these meanings (ungraded):

TAKE: _____

TAKE: _____

GET: _____

GET: _____

TAKE and/or GET: _____

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5. *Now let's look at different uses of TAKE vs BRING vs CARRY vs GET*. Which is which? Drag & drop these, correctly. ("*Pssst*, Star! … There are too many words and spaces!" … Ahhh, no. Otherwise, it would be too easy because one or more of them can go in one or more categories!)



bring bring bring

carry carry carry

take take take

(get?) (get?) (get?)





N.B., Drag ALL items, even if duplicates.

N.B., Drop items on the left side of the boxes to avoid them bouncing back.

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Did you look carefully at the pictures before deciding? There are hints in them!



We use "**bring**" when the person speaking wants someone or something moved / brought **to** them. The object or person being moved goes TOWARD the speaker, ex., "When you go to the kitchen, would you please bring me a soda?" "Nanny, please bring me my baby, thanks."



We use "**take**" when the person speaking wants someone or something moved in ANY OTHER direction **from** them, whether it's directly away, or even lateral, ex., "Please take this empty plate (away from me) into the kitchen" & "Take Sara's report (from Sara) to Bob."

We use "**carry**" when we want to emphasize NOT the DIRECTION, but the DIFFICULTY of the action because, whatever it is (a person, animal, or thing material or immaterial), it's heavy or awkward, ex., "Would you please carry my bags into the house for me?" & "Regrets can be a heavy load to carry." (If it's really heavy, we even use the verb "bear.")



[***Pssst***! When the thing/person goes WITH the speaker, BrE-British English prefers "take," while AmE-American English ALSO uses "bring." ***Why***? I think that BrE focuses on the point-of-departure…the person or thing being moved is going AWAY from the speaker's original position, while AmE sees the speaker split into two: one that takes and one that receives. Just my idea!, ex., "Sure, I'll **take** you to the airport (where I won't stay, so you're going away from me), then I'll **bring** the kids (with me) to the picnic."]

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What about **GET**?!? *Pssst*, wanna know a secret?! … You can use "**get**" for all three of these meanings: take, bring, and carry! (Use "**please**" to be polite … otherwise, it sounds a bit harsh.)

"Since you're up*, would you get me a soda, please?"

"Get Sara's report to Bob, please."



"Would you get this suitcase into the house for me, please?"

* "Since you're up,…" is a great phrase when you're too lazy to get up, and to do it, yourself! All you have to do is wait until the other person gets up…but what if you BOTH are waiting for the other to get up?! ☺

6. Have you understood these ways to use *get* vs. *take* vs. *carry* vs. *bring*? There's only one way to find out! Click on the pulldown menus, and choose the correct answers!

a.) (Parent at the office): "I'm late. Would you _____ the kids home from school, please?"

b.) (Parent at home): "On the way, would you _____ home some milk for the kids, please?"

c.) (Client to taxi driver): "Would you _____ my big bags to the front door for me, please?"

d.) (Friends): "Hey, do you have any gum?" – "Sure, here, _____ some!"

e.) (Friends): "Hey, as long as you're up, would you _____ me some soda, too, please?"

f.) (Parent at the office): "I'm late. Would you _____ the kids home from school, please?"

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