

Collocations/expressions

A Complete the blanks with the verbs follow, have or take.

_____ a photograph/picture	_____ action on sth	_____ the blame for sth
_____ a seat	_____ a party/celebration	_____ a look (at)
_____ fun	_____ a meal	_____ a rest/break
_____ sb's advice	_____ an argument/a quarrel	_____ sb/sth for granted
_____ care of	_____ a holiday	_____ turns
_____ a meeting	_____ orders	_____ sth into consideration
_____ a test	_____ measures	_____ sb by surprise
_____ trouble with	_____ a bath/shower	_____ time
_____ a headache/toothache	_____ a dream	_____ place
_____ instructions	_____ directions	_____ one's chance

B Read the sentences below. Complete the boxes with the verbs have or take and the blanks with prepositions.

- Twenty two countries will _____ **part** _____ this year's water polo tournament.
- Every year we _____ **advantage** _____ the Bank Holiday and spend a long weekend at a seaside resort.
- They _____ **no respect** _____ their new teacher.
- Before setting off on a fishing trip, you must _____ the weather conditions _____ **account**.
- Do you _____ **any idea** _____ how to operate this contraption?
- I _____ **no intention** _____ going back to school next year.
- The children couldn't _____ **their eyes** _____ the performing dolphins.
- David had no option but to _____ **responsibility** _____ the company's disastrous performance.
- I _____ **difficulty** _____ deciding which school to go to next year.
- _____ **no notice** _____ what she says. She's always making up stories.
- You need to _____ **more confidence** _____ yourself.
- Now that I'm older, I _____ **no interest** _____ stamp collecting.
- I am a pilot and I _____ **a lot of pride** _____ my work.

C Read the sentences and complete them with the correct form of the verbs give, pay, bring or mind.

- It's been weeks since I last _____ Helen **a visit**.
- _____ Henry **a ring** immediately. He said it was urgent.
- What were you doing hiding behind the door? You _____ me **a real shock**.
- The chairperson _____ the meeting **to an end** because the members of the board could not agree on a plan of action.
- Gerry was kind enough to _____ me **a lift** to the railway station.
- Passengers are asked to _____ **the step** when disembarking.
- Who can _____ me **an explanation** for the rising sea waters?
- The teacher got angry because nobody was _____ **attention** to him.