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The most common meaning of **take** is to move somebody or something to another place, or lead somebody to another place.

Take my coat – it's cold.

She took the girl's hand.

I took the money and left.

Marta took me to the station.

Take has many other meanings, and is often used in expressions with particular nouns:

borrow or steal sth without permission	Someone has taken my phone.
eat or drink drugs/medicine	She has to take two tablets every day.
agree to have or accept sth	I took his advice and bought the larger tent.
do	My son takes his final exam tomorrow.
need an amount of time	It takes me an hour to get to work.
travel on	My brother takes the train to work. ALSO get the train
used with photo	We took lots of photos on holiday. (NOT make a photo)
eat/drink	Do you take milk and sugar in coffee?
wear (a particular size)	What size shoes do you take ? ~ 43.



1 Underline the correct answer(s). Be careful: both answers are sometimes correct.

- ▶ I took / held his advice.
- 1 Take / Bring this book to the room next door.
- 2 Could you take / bring that book over here?
- 3 Don't forget to take / carry your books.
- 4 I'm taking / doing an exam tomorrow.
- 5 What size shoes do you take / use?
- 6 It takes / needs an hour to get there.
- 7 We can take / get the bus into town.
- 8 I want to take / make some photos.
- 9 I don't take / drink milk in tea or coffee.

2 Complete the dialogues in a suitable way using take.

- ▶ Have you got any pictures of your new flat? ~ Yes, I've taken lots of photos.
- 1 Did you drive to the station? ~ No, I _____.
- 2 Did you do what he suggested? ~ Yes, I _____.
- 3 I'll have a coffee, please. ~ Fine. Do you _____?
- 4 Is it easy to get to college? ~ Yeah, it only _____.
- 5 What shall I do with these books? ~ Oh, could you _____?
- 6 Your bag was here. Where is it? ~ Oh, I think my brother _____.
- 7 Is this the medicine the doctor gave you? ~ Yes, I have to _____.
- 8 Do the shoes fit you? ~ No, I _____.

3 ABOUT YOU Write your answers, or ask another student. If possible, use take in your answers.

- ▶ How do you get to school/university/work? I take the bus or the underground.
- 1 How long does it take? _____.
- 2 Do you take milk and sugar in coffee? _____.
- 3 What size shoes do you take? _____.
- 4 What was the last exam that you did? _____.
- 5 What pictures do you have on your phone? _____.
- 6 What do you usually do if your parents advise you to do something? _____.



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