offer

1 Verb + offer

Use the correct form of these verbs:

accept *make* *turn down*
put in *up* *withdraw*

1. Marie must be mad! She's declined an offer of an all-expenses-paid weekend in Prague!
   > Yes, she ..... a similar offer last year. I'd never refuse an offer like that!
2. It was well after midnight. Andrew suggested that I stay the night at his place and I ..... the offer. I wouldn't usually do that, but he's got two spare rooms.
3. The company have offered us a 5% salary increase. However, if we don't agree within seven days, the offer will be ..... .
4. They were asking £100,000 for the house and we ..... an offer of £110,000, but we didn't get it. Somebody else put in an offer of £150,000!
5. If I were you, I'd ..... an offer which was about 5% more than the asking price.
6. I think if you're going to have any chance of getting this flat, you're going to have to ..... your offer by at least £2000, to £122,000.

In examples 4, 5 and 6 'offer' means *financial offer*. The past tense of 'up' would be 'upped'.

2 Common adjective collocations

Use the following adjectives in these sentences:

better *final*
tempting *special*
kind

1. We've just been down to Tesco's. Melons are on ..... offer. Buy two, get one free. I'm usually suspicious of offers like that, but they're delicious!
2. A week with Will and Sue at their Spanish villa sounds great.
   > Yes, it IS a very ..... offer, but, much as I like Will, I couldn't take Sue for a whole week!
3. I'm sorry, but £250 is my ..... offer. You can take it or leave it.
4. If you like, I can do your shopping for you.
   >That's a very ..... offer. Are you sure?
5. I think the Germans expected us to jump at the offer they made for our business, but we decided to hold out for a ..... offer.

3 Offer + of + noun

Complete the sentences with these nouns:

help *lift* *marriage* *support* *work*

1. When our house was flooded, we received several offers of ..... from friends to clean it up.
2. We've received many offers of ..... since we started our campaign to outlaw handguns.
3. You need to get a job some time, you know! You can't turn down offers of ..... just like that.
4. I can't get a taxi, so could I take you up on your offer of a ..... to the airport?
5. My aunt was very beautiful when she was younger. Everyone says she turned down lots of offers of ..... .

4 Common expressions

Complete the sentences with these expressions:

a. they made me an offer I couldn't refuse.
b. open to offers.
c. I might take you up on that offer someday.
d. on offer

1. The local college has a wide range of vocational courses ..... . I'm sure you'll find one that meets your needs.
2. Feel free to stay at our place whenever you're in town.
   > Thanks. ..... .
3. The asking price is £300, but I'm ..... .
4. Although I was perfectly happy with my previous job with Xenop, I moved to Easycopy because ..... !

Notes

1. If something is 'on offer', it can mean it is available:
   The new flats will be on offer as from 1st March.
   or it can mean 'available at a reduced price':
   Beans are on special offer this week.
2. We talk about job offers:
   I've been to several interviews, but I haven't had any job offers yet.

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