

Phrases with *take*

VOCABULARY 6.1

1 Match sentences 1–10 to endings a–j.

- 1 Don't take any notice *i*
 - 2 I sometimes feel my family take me too much _____
 - 3 It was really kind of him to take the time _____
 - 4 My son has never taken an interest _____
 - 5 My daughter always takes it out on me _____
 - 6 OK, do you mind taking responsibility _____
 - 7 I've learned never to take sides _____
 - 8 Does your brother still take life _____
 - 9 This time, I won't take no _____
 - 10 Don't let your boss take advantage _____
- a when she's in a bad mood.
 b too seriously? If so, he needs to let go a bit!
 c in any kind of sport.
 d to explain the rules to us.
 e for granted. I wish they'd help more.
 f of you. You are supposed to finish at six.
 g for organising the picnic?
 h when the two of them have arguments.
 i of Joe if he shouts at you. He does it to everyone.
 j for an answer. You have to let me pay.

Uses of verb+ing GRAMMAR 6.1

2 Fill in the gaps with verb+ing. Use the verbs in the box.

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After ¹ *living* in France for a few months, I realised that I really should stop ² _____ to be so polite all the time. The French seem to find it ³ _____ if you say things like "I'm awfully sorry" because they feel you are ⁴ _____ their time. It must seem to them that the British spend their whole time ⁵ _____ ! The French don't really make 'small talk' either. ⁶ _____ to strangers such as taxi drivers or shop assistants, especially politely, is seen as rather strange. Another difference is that people ⁷ _____ to dinner parties in France will expect to take part in a serious discussion, with guests often ⁸ _____ asked their opinions on 'big issues'. British people, despite ⁹ _____ discussions about house prices and education, are sometimes surprised if their guests want to talk about anything serious, such as politics or art.



3 Make sentences with these words.

- 1 fascinating / culture / has / Japan / a .
Japan has a fascinating culture.
- 2 humour / don't / living / understand / here / British / Despite / I .

- 3 People / you / close / some / standing / like / cultures / too / don't / in .

- 4 countries / expensive / in / Eating / some / is / restaurants / in .

- 5 direct / try / to / questions / avoid / I / answering .

- 6 much / being / how / English / earn / The / they / asked / hate .
