

Phrases often found, Particularly, in Use of English



Get rid of something – Throw away, give away, or sell a possession that you no longer want or need: I need to **get rid of** these old books.

Feel like doing something – Want to do something: I **feel like talking** a walking in the park.

Take part – Participate: He convinced me to **take part** in the debate.

Take advantage of something – Make good use of the opportunities something gives you: You should **take advantage of** the hotel's gym and pool while we're here.

Look like someone or something – Physically resemble someone or something: Emma **looks just like** her sister – I mix them up all the time.

Make an effort to do something – Do something even though you do not want to or you find it difficult: You can't expect to have any friends if you don't **make an effort to talk** to people.

Have difficulty (in) doing something – Means you are unable to do something easily: She **had great difficulty finding** a job.

Be or get used to doing something – Be or become familiar with something because you have done it often before: Children soon **get used to spending** much of their free time playing computer games.

Be worth doing something – Be important or useful to do: It **was definitely worth reading** that book. I learnt so much.

Stay/keep in touch with someone – Continue to write or speak to someone although you do not see them often: They left the country but we have **stayed in touch**.

Make up your mind to do something – Make a decision: She **made up her mind to accept** the job.

Have/take a look at something – The act of looking at something: **Take a look at** this photo and see if you recognise my brother.

Take into account something – Consider something when you are trying to make a decision: We must **take into account** his illness when we evaluate his work.

Be to blame for something – Say or think that someone or something is responsible for an accident, problem, or bad situation: The hospital **was to blame for** the mistake.

Take pride in something – Be proud of something: He really **takes pride in** his achievements.

Have a tendency to do something – Tend to do something: You **have a tendency to exaggerate**.

Have a good time – Enjoy yourself: We **had a really good time** at your party.

Change your mind – Change a decision or an opinion: He **changed his mind** when he heard about the delay.

Pay attention to someone/something – Listen to, watch, or consider something or someone