



Student's name: _____

Date: _____

Multi-word verbs

- a. Read the sentences. Which multi-word verb in the box can replace the words in bold?

passed on	put off	carried on	came round	looked after
handed in	broke up	turned down	joined in	felt like

1. I asked him to be quiet, but he just **continued** talking. _____
2. It was a really sunny day and he really **wanted** an ice cream. _____
3. She **came to my house** to ask for some advice. _____
4. I **took care of** my friend's cat while he was on holiday. _____
5. They used to go out with each other, but they **ended their relationship**.

6. He **said 'no' to** the invitation, because he had too much work. _____
7. The game looked like fun, so I **did it with them**. _____
8. They **delayed** the meeting, because Bob was ill. _____
9. I **took** the keys I found to the receptionist. _____
10. He **told her** the message as soon as he saw her. _____

- b. Complete the sentences with the correct form of a multi-word verb from a.

1. My friend _____ for dinner last night. I cooked her spaghetti.
2. She's ill, so we've _____ the party until she gets better.
3. Can you _____ my new number to Bob? It's 07806540234.
4. Mike and I were together for a year but we _____ two months ago.
5. Tom started singing a song and then we all _____. It was pretty noisy!
6. Somebody _____ my wallet at the police station.
7. She _____ the job offer because the pay was too low.
8. 'Do you _____ a pizza tonight?' 'Yes, that sound nice.'



9. I'm _____ my niece this evening. She's only 7 years old.
10. We were all tired and wanted to stop running but our teacher told us to _____.

Tip

Multi-word verbs have different kinds of grammar. Some transitive multi-words verbs (hand in, pass on, put off) can be separated by an object:

*We **put off** the match. (correct)*

*We **put** the match **off**. (incorrect)*

If the object of these multi-word verbs is a pronoun, they must be separated:

*I **handed it in**. (correct)*

*I **handed in** it. (incorrect)*

Other multi-word verbs (*feel like, look after*) can never be separated:

*He **felt like** an ice cream. (correct)*

*He **felt** an ice cream **like**. (incorrect)*