

TAKE IT RIGHT

start to like

start to be
successful

accept as true

Vocabulary 2: Take

A Phrasal verbs with take

- 1 What is the meaning of this phrasal verb from the listening?
*So are you going to be leaving us to **take up** a career as a storyteller, then?*
- 2 Read the following short story and choose the best title a-c.
a The dangers of Irish dancing b The end of a promising career
c Winning isn't everything

resemble

employ

Roisin always a) took after her dad. Her mother was a calm, laid-back person, but Roisin, like her father, was ambitious. She had to be the best at everything, and that included Irish dancing, which she b) took up at the age of eight. She c) took to it immediately and knew after just a few lessons, that she wanted to be a world champion. Her teachers were impressed: once she'd learnt a new dance routine, her feet seemed to d) take over and she would move across the floor with incredible agility.

Shortly before her first World Championships in Glasgow, Roisin's teacher e) took her aside during the lesson and

reminded her that, whilst she had every confidence in her, the competition would be tough. Full of self-belief, Roisin took no notice and was convinced she would win. When she finished sixth, she was devastated and just couldn't f) take in the fact that she hadn't come first. She never did win a championship, but she eventually learnt to love dancing for itself rather than as a means to be the best. Then, three years ago Roisin's dancing career g) took off when she was h) taken on as a dancer with an Irish dance company that travels the world. There's no competing, only supporting - and she's never been happier.

move away from others
to chat

start doing
sth

gain control



Take it easy

B Expressions with take

- 1 Complete each gap 1-8 with an appropriate form of the verb *take*. The first one has been done for you.
 - A 1 A pair of shoes should last longer than two months. If I were you, I would take them back to the shop.
 - 2 My dad used to _____ me to school, but now I have to get the bus.
 - B 3 I lost money on that business deal! Of course I regret _____ his advice!
 - 4 She criticizes everybody else and refuses _____ any of the blame herself.
 - C 5 If you _____ more interest in the children, they'd respond better!
 - 6 The stray cat was looking a lot healthier. It was clear that someone _____ pity on it and given it something to eat.
 - D 7 It _____ a great deal of courage to sing in front of an audience.
 - 8 Come on! I can't understand why you _____ so long to do this exercise.
- 2 In each of the sentences in exercise 1, underline the expression with *take*.

Example:
A pair of shoes should last longer than two months. If I were you, I would take them back to the shop.
- 3 The expressions in exercise 1 are organized into four groups, A, B, C and D. Match each of the following general meanings for *take* to an appropriate group.
 - 1 to express what is needed or required
 - 2 to talk about the movement of something or someone from one place to another
 - 3 to talk about the way people feel or react to others
 - 4 to accept!
- 4 Which group in exercise 1 do the following expressions belong to?
take pride in be taken to hospital take a joke take the initiative
- 5 Now write a short story of your own using at least three expressions and three phrasal verbs with *take*.