

10A 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 07806 540 234.
- 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 sounds 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-word verbs (*hand in*, *pass on*, *put off*) can be separated by an object:

We **put off** the match. ✓ We **put** the match **off**. ✓

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

I **handed it in**. ✓ ~~I handed in it.~~ ✗

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

He **felt like** an ice cream. ✓ ~~He felt an ice cream like.~~ ✗