

## 10A Multi-word verbs

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

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

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- 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.*~~ ✗