

5 METAPHOR AND REGISTER

EXERCISES

5.1 Une los diferentes significados de take in de las frases de la a-f con la oración apropiada de la 1-6.

- a) make smaller
 - b) allow in through a hole
 - c) deceive
 - d) give a bed to
 - e) include
 - f) understand the meaning or importance
- 1 Because so many passengers were stranded at the airport, some local families offered to take them in overnight.
 - 2 The news is so shocking – I still can't take it in.
 - 3 The excursion will take in two of the most beautiful castles in the region.
 - 4 Maria has lost weight – she's going to have to take in a lot of her clothes.
 - 5 Alfie was totally dishonest, but he was so charming that I was taken in by him.
 - 6 We'd better return to the shore at once – the boat seems to be taking in water.

5.2 En estos pares de oraciones se muestran verbos frasales los cuales se usan de dos formas literales y metafóricos. Escoge la explicación que corresponde a cada una y anótala en el cuadro.

- 1 a) I **stepped in** a puddle of water and my feet are soaking now.
b) She **stepped in** to stop the argument from becoming more serious.
- 2 a) This music is rubbish. I wish you'd **switch off** the radio.
b) The lecture was so boring that I **switched off**.
- 3 a) There's a hole in my bag. I think my pen must have **dropped out**.
b) He **dropped out** of college and became a mechanic.
- 4 a) We **tied** the boxes **down** on the roof of the car.
b) Marcos dreams of travelling, but he feels **tied down** by his family and work responsibilities.

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5.3 Utiliza tus conocimientos previos de los verbos básicos para poder sustituir los verbos frasales que están subrayados así como de contexto que rodea la oración para que puedas precisar el significado de los verbos frasales.

- 1 What are you driving at? I wish you would say exactly what you mean!
- 2 The teacher did all she could to drum the vocabulary into her pupils before the exam.
- 3 The old education system used to cream off the best pupils and teach them in separate schools.
- 4 The noise of the children playing completely drowned out his speech.

5.4 En el siguiente párrafo encontraras verbos frasales subrayados sustitúyelos por un verbos formal (un verbo simple) equivalente al verbo frasal. Escríbelos en los cuadros de abajo.

As the rain didn't let up, the football game was called off. So the team got down to discussing its strategy for the next match instead. We didn't get out of the clubhouse until the cleaners turned up in the evening.

