

Collocations/expressions

A Complete the blanks with the verbs follow, have or take.

_____ a photograph/picture

_____ a seat

_____ fun

_____ sb's advice

_____ care of

_____ a meeting

_____ a test

_____ trouble with

_____ a headache/toothache

_____ instructions

_____ action on sth

_____ a party/celebration

_____ a meal

_____ an argument/a quarrel

_____ a holiday

_____ orders

_____ measures

_____ a bath/shower

_____ a dream

_____ directions

_____ the blame for sth

_____ a look (at)

_____ a rest/break

_____ sb/sth for granted

_____ turns

_____ sth into consideration

_____ sb by surprise

_____ time

_____ place

_____ one's chance

B Read the sentences below. Complete the boxes with the verbs **have** or **take** and the blanks with prepositions.

- 1 Twenty two countries will _____ **part** _____ this year's water polo tournament.
- 2 Every year we _____ **advantage** _____ the Bank Holiday and spend a long weekend at a seaside resort.
- 3 They _____ **no respect** _____ their new teacher.
- 4 Before setting off on a fishing trip, you must _____ the weather conditions _____ **account**.
- 5 Do you _____ **any idea** _____ how to operate this contraption?
- 6 I _____ **no intention** _____ going back to school next year.
- 7 The children couldn't _____ **their eyes** _____ the performing dolphins.
- 8 David had no option but to _____ **responsibility** _____ the company's disastrous performance.
- 9 I _____ **difficulty** _____ deciding which school to go to next year.
- 10 _____ **no notice** _____ what she says. She's always making up stories.
- 11 You need to _____ **more confidence** _____ yourself.
- 12 Now that I'm older, I _____ **no interest** _____ stamp collecting.
- 13 I am a pilot and I _____ **a lot of pride** _____ my work.

C Read the sentences and complete them with the correct form of the verbs give, pay, bring or mind.

- 1 It's been weeks since I last _____ Helen **a visit**.
- 2 _____ Henry **a ring** immediately. He said it was urgent.
- 3 What were you doing hiding behind the door? You _____ me **a real shock**.
- 4 The chairperson _____ the **meeting to an end** because the members of the board could not agree on a plan of action.
- 5 Gerry was kind enough to _____ me **a lift** to the railway station.
- 6 Passengers are asked to _____ **the step** when disembarking.
- 7 Who can _____ me **an explanation** for the rising sea waters?
- 8 The teacher got angry because nobody was _____ **attention** to him.