

BRING vs TAKE



SPEAKER

Carry/move sth to the speaker's location

- ▶ Can you **bring** me a glass of water?
- ▶ She **brought** us souvenirs from her trip.

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LISTENER

Carry/move sth to the listener's location

- ▶ What did Lucy **bring** you from Rome?
- ▶ Wait here. I'll come at 7, and I'll **bring** Dave.

SPEAKER OR LISTENER



Carry/move sth away from the speaker's or listener's location.

- ▶ Can you **take** me to the station?
- ▶ Make sure you **take** your umbrella when you go to work.

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When talking about a person who isn't the speaker or the listener, use **bring** or **take** depending on the point of view you take.

- ▶ Sandra always **brings** him to visit her parents.
(=We are speaking from her parents' point of view.)
- ▶ Sandra always **takes** him to visit her parents.
(=We are speaking from Sandra's point of view.)

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PRACTICE 1

Fill in “bring” or “take”. Read every sentence carefully.

1. _____ this book back to the library, please.
2. Could you _____ me that pen. please?
3. He often _____ his twin sister to the cinema.
4. When you come to my party, don't forget _____ some food.
5. He is _____ out the rubbish now.
6. My husband often _____ me flowers when he comes home.
8. Can you _____ the car to the garage on Wednesday?
9. Can you _____ me to the station?
10. Mary _____ her children to the zoo last weekend.

PRACTICE 2

Choose the right option.

1. I'm coming over now; I'll _____ the book you wanted.
a) bring b) take
2. Waiter! Can you _____ me some more wine, please?
a) bring b) take
3. The burglars _____ all my jewellery when they broke into our house.
a) brought b) took
4. You didn't need to _____ anything. As you can see, we have plenty of food.
a) bring b) take
5. I'll _____ you the documents this afternoon.
a) bring b) take
6. Could you _____ these books back to the library for me?
a) bring b) take
7. I'm going to _____ the car to the mechanic tomorrow.
a) bring b) take
8. Could you _____ your laptop to my place tomorrow?
a) bring b) take
9. Don't forget to _____ your umbrella when you leave the house.
a) bring b) take
10. I always _____ my lunch from home to work.
a) bring b) take

PRACTICE 3

Correct the mistake in each sentence.

1. I will **take** my laptop to the meeting at our office.

2. Can you **take** your book to me tomorrow?

3. He **brought** his friend to the airport when she left.

4. We will **take** our project to the teacher on Monday.

5. Please **bring** this package to the post office.
