

103 Confusing verbs

Karel –
The delivery men are **bringing** the new
fridge at 11. Make sure they **take** the
old one with them!
Jenny



1 bring/come or take/go

bring/come (movement towards or with the speaker)

*Will you bring your camera? (when you come here)
Are you coming to the cinema tonight? (= Are you coming with me?)*

take/go (movement away from or without the speaker)

*Will you take your camera? (when you go away on holiday)
Are you going to the cinema tonight? (= I'm not going.)*

2 live or stay

We use *live* to talk about permanent situations or long periods of time:

Most British people live in towns. I've lived in Cape Town since 2002.

We use *stay* for temporary situations:

We went to Holland on holiday and stayed in Amsterdam. How long are you staying here?

3 do the cooking/cleaning, go swimming/dancing, etc.

We use *do + the + -ing* for some activities, usually jobs around the house.

We use *go + -ing* for activities that we enjoy, usually sports or leisure:

do the cleaning, washing, cooking, gardening, etc.

go swimming, dancing, skiing, camping, riding, hiking, etc.

We can use *do* or *go* with *shopping*:

Have you done the shopping yet? (for food)

We're going shopping this afternoon. (for food or other things, e.g. clothes)



~~*X I want to do camping this summer.*~~ ✓ *I want to go camping this summer.*

4 get

We often use *get*:

**to mean
buy, bring, or receive**

*Can you get some coffee? (buy)
I'll get the dictionary for you. (bring)
Did you get a letter from the bank? (receive)*

to mean become

*The weather's getting hotter.
I hope you get better/well soon. (become well again after an illness)*

**in common phrases, e.g.
get married, get dressed,
get wet, get lost**

*They got married last April.
Take an umbrella or you'll get wet.*

**to talk about going or
arriving somewhere**

*How do you get to the airport from here?
What time do you usually get home?*

Practice

1 Complete the sentences with a form of come, go, take or bring.



1 'Oh no! Didn't you our passports?'



2 Barbara didn't to her neighbours' party. They didn't invite her.



3 'This year we're the children camping for the first time.'



4 'We're going to the concert now. Are you with us?'

2 GRAMMAR IN USE Jane looks after Zara's children. Read Zara's note to Jane and choose the correct underlined words.

Jane,

Here is the list of things I'd like you to do today after I've (0) come / gone to work:

- (1) Take / Bring Jake to the dentist. His appointment is at 10.15. His teeth are (2) making / getting better, but tell me what the dentist says.
- Please (3) do / make the washing – the dirty clothes are on top of the washing machine.
- I (4) took / brought some fresh vegetables from the market yesterday – please use them to make lunch for the children.
- When you do (5) shopping / the shopping, don't forget to (6) get / do my mother's medicine from the chemist's – she is (7) living / staying here at the weekend and she will need it.
- I'm (8) going / coming home at about six o'clock today, so you don't have to prepare dinner.

Thanks! Zara

3 GRAMMAR IN USE Complete the conversation with the words from the box.

There are three extra words.

come do doing done get getting go going got live make stay took went

MIKE Have you (0) done the shopping yet?

DAVE Yes, I (1) lots of food this morning. It's all in the fridge.

MIKE Are you (2) the cooking this evening?

DAVE No, I'm (3) ice skating with Alex. He's really good at it.

Of course I'm not as good as him – but I'm (4) better all the time.

MIKE Why don't you (5) at home tonight? I hate eating alone.

DAVE I don't like being at home every evening. I (6) bored.

Listen, why don't you (7) to the ice rink with us?

MIKE No thanks! I (8) skating with my brother when I was ten.

He (9) me to a frozen lake – I fell over and broke my arm!

DAVE Mmm. Well, if you're not going out, you could (10) the cleaning ...