

# 58) take

The most common meaning of **take** is to move somebody or something to another place, or lead somebody to another place.

*Take my coat – it's cold.*

*I took the money and left.*

*She took the girl's hand.*

*Marta took me to the station.*

**Take** has many other meanings, and is often used in expressions with particular nouns:

borrow or steal sth without permission	<i>Someone has taken my phone.</i>
eat or drink drugs/medicine	<i>She has to take two tablets every day.</i>
agree to have or accept sth	<i>I took his advice and bought the larger tent.</i>
do	<i>My son takes his final exam tomorrow.</i>
need an amount of time	<i>It takes me an hour to get to work.</i>
travel on	<i>My brother takes the train to work. ALSO get the train</i>
used with photo	<i>We took lots of photos on holiday. (NOT make a photo)</i>
eat/drink	<i>Do you take milk and sugar in coffee?</i>
wear (a particular size)	<i>What size shoes do you take? ~ 43.</i>



## 1 Underline the correct answer(s). Be careful: both answers are sometimes correct.

- I took / held his advice.
- 1 Take / Bring this book to the room next door.
- 2 Could you take / bring that book over here?
- 3 Don't forget to take / carry your books.
- 4 I'm taking / doing an exam tomorrow.
- 5 What size shoes do you take / use?
- 6 It takes / needs an hour to get there.
- 7 We can take / get the bus into town.
- 8 I want to take / make some photos.
- 9 I don't take / drink milk in tea or coffee.

## 2 Complete the dialogues in a suitable way using take.

- Have you got any pictures of your new flat? ~ Yes, I've taken lots of photos.
- 1 Did you drive to the station? ~ No, I .....
- 2 Did you do what he suggested? ~ Yes, I .....
- 3 I'll have a coffee, please. ~ Fine. Do you .....
- 4 Is it easy to get to college? ~ Yeah, it only .....
- 5 What shall I do with these books? ~ Oh, could you .....
- 6 Your bag was here. Where is it? ~ Oh, I think my brother .....
- 7 Is this the medicine the doctor gave you? ~ Yes, I have to .....
- 8 Do the shoes fit you? ~ No, I .....

## 3 ABOUT YOU Write your answers, or ask another student. If possible, use take in your answers.

- How do you get to school/university/work? I take the bus or the underground.
- 1 How long does it take? .....
- 2 Do you take milk and sugar in coffee? .....
- 3 What size shoes do you take? .....
- 4 What was the last exam that you did? .....
- 5 What pictures do you have on your phone? .....
- 6 What do you usually do if your parents advise you to do something? .....



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