

# 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.**

**She took the girl's hand.**

**I took the money and left.**

**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	Someone has <b>taken</b> my phone.
eat or drink drugs/medicine	She has to <b>take</b> two <b>tablets</b> every day.
agree to have or accept sth	I <b>took</b> his <b>advice</b> and bought the larger tent.
do	My son <b>takes</b> his final <b>exam</b> tomorrow.
need an amount of time	It <b>takes</b> me an hour to get to work.
travel on	My brother <b>takes</b> the <b>train</b> to work. ALSO <b>get</b> the train
used with photo	We <b>took</b> lots of <b>photos</b> on holiday. (NOT <del>make</del> a photo)
eat/drink	Do you <b>take</b> <b>milk</b> and <b>sugar</b> in coffee?
wear (a particular size)	What <b>size</b> shoes do you <b>take</b> ? ~ 43.



## 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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