

A

Give

We can use **give** when someone or something causes a certain effect.

All that noise has **given me a headache**.

The walk this morning **gave me an appetite** [made me hungry].

Listening to Wai Sin has **given me an idea**.

We often use **give** with different nouns to express an action.

He **gave** me some **advice** [advised me].

Valentina **gave** us a **shock** when she shouted like that. [shocked us]

I had to **give** a **speech** at the wedding. [talk formally to a group of people; also **give a lecture**]

I'll **give** her a **ring** [ring/phone her].

I had lots of work to do, but fortunately Ollie **gave me a hand** [helped me].



She **gave** me a **hug**.



He **gave** the car a **push**.

B

Keep

Keep can mean to stay or cause someone to stay in a particular state or condition.

Keep right [stay on the right side].

She asked us to **keep quiet**.

This coat will **keep you warm**.

Going to the gym **keeps me fit**.

Keep (on) doing something means to repeat doing something, and often it is something you don't want to do or happen.

I **keep losing** my glasses.

I **keep getting** backache.

She **keeps on interrupting** me. [talks to me / disturbs me when I am doing something]

If you **keep in touch**, you continue to communicate with someone, especially by phone or email.

I met Mara on holiday and we've **kept in touch** ever since.

If you **keep a secret**, you don't tell other people something that you know.

Tom told me not to tell anyone about his new job, but I'm not very good at **keeping a secret**.

If you **keep something up**, you continue doing something at a high level.

You're working hard and your English is improving. That's good – **keep it up**.

C

Miss

If you **miss** a person, you feel sad because that person is not there.

When I went to work in Hungary, I really **missed my girlfriend**.

If you **miss** what someone says, you don't hear it.

I'm sorry, I **missed that**. What did you say?

If you **miss a chance / opportunity**, you don't use an opportunity to do something.

Lily's been chosen for the team, but now she's injured, she might **miss her chance** to play.

If you **miss** something, you manage to avoid it or not experience it.

I left home early in order to **miss the rush hour**.

Exercises

82.1 Match each verb with three phrases on the right.

give	<u>a speech</u>	in touch
		a speech
		an opportunity
miss		on doing something
		someone a hug
		a person
keep		someone a hand
		what someone says
		a secret

82.2 Complete the sentences with a suitable adjective or -ing form.

- I never drink coffee at night; it keeps me awake.
- This umbrella should keep you
- I don't know why she keeps – it wasn't a very funny story.
- If you do lots of exercise, it'll keep you
- It's really stupid, but I keep to lock the doors and windows when I go out.
- They're making a lot of noise in there. Could you tell them to keep ?
- I know his name is Stuart, but I keep it's Stephen.
- I keep up early in the morning because it's so light in my bedroom.

82.3 Complete the dialogues using a verb + noun. Don't repeat the underlined phrases.

- A: He's sad without Harper.
B: I know. He misses her.
- A: Did you phone her?
B: Yes, I her a last night.
- A: He didn't put his arms round her, did he?
B: Yes. He her a big
- A: Have you stayed in contact with your old school friends all this time?
B: Yes, I've tried to in as much as possible.
- A: Could anyone help me with this?
B: Yeah, I'll you a
- A: It's his own fault. He had a chance to go and he didn't take it.
B: I know. He his
- A: I expect you're hungry after all that work.
B: Yes, it's me an

82.4 Complete the sentences with the correct verb and a word from the box.

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- She gave me a shock when she broke that window.
- If we leave the party early, we'll all the
- The guys are working really hard, but I don't know if they can it
- I couldn't get the car started, but fortunately someone me a
- We left before seven because we wanted to the
- She doesn't know what the problem is, but she getting
- I saw a fascinating programme on TV, and that's what me the
- When I go on holiday alone, I really my
- I didn't say anything to Annie about the wedding because she can't a