

## take

1. [teɪk] *n*
  - 1) захват, взятие; получение
  - 2) *шахм.* взятие (*фигуры*)
  2. 1) *сл.* выручка, барыши; сбор (*театральный*)
  - 2) получка
  3. 1) улов (*рыбы*)  
great take of fish - большой улов рыбы
  - 2) добыча (*на охоте*)
  4. 1) аренда (*земли*)
  - 2) арендованный участок
  5. *разг.* популярная песенка, пьеса
  6. *мед. проф.* хорошо принявшаяся прививка
  7. *полигр.* «урок» наборщика
  8. *кино* снятый кадр, кинокадр, дубль
  9. *мед.* пересадка (*кожи*)  
successful takes - успешные операции по пересадке
  10. запись (*на пленку и т. п.*)  
◇ give and take - а) взаимные уступки, компромисс; б) обмен любезностями, обмен шутками, колкостями, пикировка  
on the take - корыстный, продажный  
officials on the take - чиновники-взяточники
2. [teɪk] *v* (*took; taken*)
  1. брать; хватать  
to take a pencil [a sheet of paper, a spade] - взять карандаш [лист бумаги, лопату]  
to take smth. in one's hand - взять что-л. в руку  
to take one's head in one's hands - обхватить голову руками  
to take smb.'s hand, to take smb. by the hand - взять кого-л. за руку  
to take smb. in one's arms - а) брать кого-л. на руки; б) обнимать кого-л.  
to take smb.'s arm - взять кого-л. под руку  
to take smth. in one's arms - взять что-л. в руки; схватить что-л. руками  
to take smb. to one's arms /to one's breast/ - обнимать кого-л., прижимать кого-л. к груди  
to take smb. by the shoulders - взять /схватить/ кого-л. за плечи  
to take smb. by the throat - взять /схватить/ кого-л. за горло /за глотку/  
to take smth. between one's finger and thumb - взять что-л. двумя пальцами  
to take smth. (up) with a pair of tongs - взять что-л. щипцами  
to take smth. on one's back - взвалить что-л. на спину  
to take money from a friend - взять деньги у друга  
he took the book from the table - он взял книгу со стола  
take a sheet of paper from /out of/ the drawer - возьми лист бумаги из ящика стола  
take your bag off the table - снимите /уберите, возьмите/ сумку со стола  
take this table out of the room - уберите /вынесите/ этот стол из комнаты
  2. 1) захватывать; овладевать; завоёвывать  
to take a fortress [a town] (by storm) - брать крепость [город] (штурмом)  
to take prisoners - захватывать /брать/ пленных  
he was taken prisoner - его взяли /он попал/ в плен  
he was taken in the street - его взяли /арестовали/ на улице
  - 2) ловить  
to take fish - ловить рыбу  
a rabbit taken in a trap - заяц, попавшийся в капкан  
he managed to take the ball (off the bat) - ему удалось поймать мяч (с биты)  
to take smb. in the act - застать кого-л. на месте преступления  
to take smb. by surprise /off his guard, unawares/ - захватить /застигнуть/ кого-л. врасплох  
to take smb. at his word - поймать кого-л. на слове
  - 3) *разг.* овладевать (*женщиной*), брать (*женщину*)
  - 4) уносить, сводить в могилу  
pneumonia took him - воспаление лёгких свело его в могилу, он умер от воспаления лёгких
  3. 1) присваивать, брать (без разрешения)  
who has taken my pen? - кто взял мою ручку?  
he takes whatever he can lay his hands on - он пользуется (всем), чем только может, он берёт всё, что под руку подвернётся  
she took all the credit to herself - она приписала все заслуги себе  
he is always taking other people's ideas - он всегда использует /присваивает себе/ чужие мысли, он всегда пользуется чужими мыслями
  - 2) (from) отбирать, забирать  
they took his dog from him - они у него забрали /отобрали/ собаку  
his clothes were taken from him - у него отобрали одежду  
I'll take it from him - я отберу это у него
  4. 1) пользоваться; получать; приобретать  
to take lessons - брать уроки

to take a book from the library - взять книгу в библиотеке

to take a taxi - брать такси [см. тж. II A 2]

to take one's part - взять свою часть /долю/ [ср. тж. III A 2]

to take a quotation from Shakespeare [from a book] - воспользоваться цитатой из Шекспира [из книги], взять цитату из Шекспира [из книги]

to take a holiday - а) взять отпуск; when are you taking your holiday? - когда ты идёшь в отпуск?; б) отдыхать; you must take a holiday - вам надо отдохнуть; I am taking a holiday today - я сегодня отдыхаю /не работаю/; сегодня у меня свободный день  
he lived in my house and took my care and nursing - он жил у меня и принимал мои заботы и уход (как должное)

## 2) выбирать

to take a role (in a play) - выбрать себе роль (в пьесе)

take what you like - возьми что хочешь

he took the largest piece of cake - он взял себе самый большой кусок пирога

to take any means to do smth. - использовать любые средства, чтобы сделать что-л.

to take the shortest way - выбрать кратчайший путь

to take the wrong road - сбиться с пути

which route shall you take? - какой дорогой вы пойдёте /поедете/?

she is old enough to take her own way - она достаточно взрослая, чтобы самой выбрать свой собственный путь

take your partners - пригласите партнёров (в танце)

## 3) покупать

to take tickets - брать билеты

to take seats in advance - приобрести билеты заблаговременно

I shall take this hat - я возьму эту шляпу

I take bread here - я покупаю /беру/ хлеб здесь

you will take - 2 lbs. - купишь /возьмёшь/ два фунта (чего-л.)

I shall take it for \$3 - я возьму /куплю/ это за три доллара

## 4) выигрывать; брать, бить

to take a bishop - взять /побить/ слона (в шахматах)

to take a trick - взять взятку (в картах)

he took little by that move - этот ход /шаг/ мало помог /мало что дал/ ему

## 5) юр. вступать во владение, наследовать

the eldest son shall take - наследует старший сын

according to the will he will take when of age - согласно завещанию он вступит во владение (имуществом) по достижении совершеннолетия

## 5. 1) доставать, добывать

to take coal - добывать уголь

to take the crop - убирать /собирать/ урожай

## 2) взымать, собирать; добиваться уплаты

to take money for admission - взымать плату за приём

to take contributions to the Red Cross - собирать пожертвования в пользу Красного Креста

## 3) получать, зарабатывать

to take 100 dollars a week - зарабатывать сто долларов в неделю

## 6. 1) принимать (что-л.); соглашаться (на что-л.)

to take an offer [presents] - принимать предложение [подарки]

to take bribes - брать взятки

to take £50 for the picture - взять /согласиться на/ пятьдесят фунтов за картину

how much less will you take? - на сколько вы сбавите цену?, сколько вы уступите?

I won't take a cent less - я не уступлю больше ни цента

if the magazine takes my article - если этот журнал примет мою статью

take what he offers you - возьми /прими/ то, что он тебе предлагает

I'll take it - ладно, я согласен

I will take no denial - отказа я не приму; не вздумайте отказываться

I won't take that answer - такой ответ меня не устраивает

to take smb.'s orders - слушаться кого-л., подчиняться кому-л.

I am not taking orders from you - я вам не подчиняюсь, я не буду выполнять ваши приказы; ≙ вы мне не указчик

I will not take such treatment - я не потерплю такого обращения

to take a wager /a bet/ - идти на пари

to take a dare /a challenge/ - принимать вызов

## 2) получать

take that (and that)! - получай!, вот тебе!

## 7. воспринимать, реагировать

to take smth. coolly [lightly] - относиться к чему-л. спокойно /хладнокровно/ [несерьёзно /беспечно/]

to take smth. to heart - принимать что-л. (близко) к сердцу

to take it all in good fun - отнестись ко всему этому с юмором

I wonder how he will take it - интересно, как он к этому отнесётся

I can't take him [his words] seriously - я не могу принимать его [его слова] всерьёз, я не могу серьёзно относиться к нему [к его словам]

he took the joke in earnest - он не понял шутки, он принял шутку всерьёз

he is really kind-hearted if you take him the right way - он, в сущности, добрый человек, если (конечно) правильно его воспринимать

this is no way to take his behaviour - на его поведение нужно реагировать не так

take it easy! - а) не волнуйся!; б) не усердствуй чрезмерно!  
to take things as they are /as one finds them, as they come/ - принимать вещи такими, какие они есть  
to take smth. amiss /ill, in bad part/ - обижаться на что-л.  
you must not take it ill of him - вы не должны сердиться на него; он не хотел вас обидеть  
to take kindly to smb. - дружески /тепло/ отнестись к кому-л. принять участие в ком-л.  
he took kindly to the young author - он принял участие в начинающем писателе, он «пригрел» начинающего писателя  
to take smth. kindly - благожелательно/доброжелательно/ отнестись к чему-л.  
I should take it kindly if you would answer my letter - я буду вам очень благодарен, если вы ответитена моё письмо

#### 8. 1) понимать; толковать

to take a hint - понять намёк  
I take your meaning - я вас понимаю, я понимаю, что вы хотите сказать  
I [don't] take you - *уст.* я вас [не] понимаю, я [не] понимаю, что вы хотите сказать  
how did you take his remark? - как вы поняли его замечание?  
he can't take a joke - он не понимает шуток  
to take smb. in the wrong way - неправильно понять кого-л.  
your words may be taken in a bad sense - ваши слова можно истолковать дурно /превратно/

#### 2) полагать, считать; заключать

to take the news to be true /as true/ - считать эти сведения верными /соответствующими действительности/  
what time do you take it to be? - как вы думаете /как по-вашему/, сколько сейчас времени?  
how old do you take him to be? - сколько лет вы ему дадите?  
I take it that we are to wait here [to come early] - надо полагать /я так понимаю/, что мы должны ждать здесь [прийти рано]  
let us take it that it is so - предположим, что это так

#### 3) верить; считать истинным

(you may) take it from me that he means what he says - поверьте мне, он не шутит /к тому, что он говорит, надо отнестись серьёзно/  
take it from me!, take my word for it - можете мне поверить; уж я-то знаю!, можете не сомневаться!  
we must take it at that - ничего не поделаешь, приходится верить

#### 9. охватывать, овладевать

an intense despair took him - его охватило полное отчаяние  
when love takes a man - когда любовь овладевает человеком  
his conscience takes him when he is sober - когда он трезв, его мучают угрызения совести  
what has taken the boy? - что нашло на мальчика?  
he was taken by violent shaking - он весь задрожал  
he was taken with a fit of coughing [of laughter] - на него напал приступ кашля [смеха]  
to be taken ill /bad/ - заболеть

#### 10. 1) захватывать, увлекать; нравиться

to take smb.'s fancy - а) поразить чьё-л. воображение; the story took my fancy - рассказ поразил моё воображение; б)  
понравиться; her new novel took the fancy of the public - её новый роман понравился читателям  
this author takes his readers with him - этот автор увлекает читателей  
I was not taken with him - он мне не понравился, он не произвёл на меня (большого) впечатления  
he was very much taken with the idea - он очень увлёкся этой мыслью, он был весь во власти этой идеи

#### 2) иметь успех, становиться популярным (*тж.* take on)

the play didn't take (with the public) - пьеса не имела успеха (у публики)

#### 11. записывать, регистрировать, протоколировать

to take notes - делать заметки  
to take notes of a lecture - записывать лекцию  
to take minutes - вести протокол  
the police took the number of his car - полиция записала номер его машины  
to take dictation - а) писать под диктовку; б) писать диктант

#### 12. 1) снимать, фотографировать

to take a photograph of a tower - сфотографировать башню, сделать снимок башни  
he liked to take animals - он любил фотографировать/снимать/ животных  
to have one's likeness taken - сфотографироваться

#### 2) выходить, получаться на фотографии

he does not take well, he takes badly - он плохо выходит /получается/ на фотографии; он нефотогеничен

#### 13. использовать в качестве примера

take the French Revolution - возьмите /возьмём/ (например) Французскую революцию  
take me for example - возьмите меня, например  
to take one simple example - один простой пример

#### 14. вмещать

this car takes only five - в этой машине может поместиться только пять человек  
the typewriter takes large sizes of paper - в эту (пишущую) машинку входит бумага большого формата

#### 15. 1) требовать; отнимать

it takes time, means and skill - на это нужно время, средства и умение  
the stuff takes sixty hours in burning - это вещество сгорает за шестьдесят часов  
how long will it take you to translate this article? - сколько времени уйдёт у вас на перевод этой статьи?  
it took him three years to write the book - ему потребовалось три года, чтобы написать книгу [*ср. тж.* 2)]  
this trip will take a lot of money - на эту поездку уйдёт /потребуется/ много денег  
the piano would take much room - пианино заняло бы много места  
it takes some pluck to do our work - для нашей работы требуется немало мужества

it takes a man to do this - это под силу только (настоящему) мужчине  
it took four men to hold him - потребовалось четыре человека, чтобы его удержать  
it takes a poet to translate poetry - только поэт может переводить стихи  
it takes two to make a quarrel - для ссоры нужны двое  
it would take volumes to relate - нужны тома, чтобы это рассказать  
it takes a lot of doing - **разг.** это сделать довольно трудно, это не так-то просто сделать  
the work took some doing - работа потребовала усилий, работа попалась нелёгкая  
it took some finding [explaining] - **разг.** это было трудно найти /разыскать/ [объяснить]  
he has everything it takes to be a pilot - у него есть все (необходимые) качества (для того), чтобы стать лётчиком  
she's got what it takes - **разг.** она очень привлекательна, она нравится мужчинам

## 2) требовать, нуждаться

he took two hours to get there - ему потребовалось два часа, чтобы добраться туда; дорога туда отняла у него два часа  
wait for me, I won't take long - подожди меня, я скоро освобожусь  
he took three years to write /in writing/ the book - ему потребовалось три года, чтобы написать книгу [*ср. тж.* 1)]

## 3) требовать (грамматической формы)

a plural noun takes a plural verb - существительное во множественном числе требует глагола /употребляется с глаголом/ во множественном числе

## 16. (in, on) цепляться (за **что-л.**); застревать, запутываться (в **чём-л.**)

the anchor took in the seaweed - якорь запутался в водорослях

## 17. жениться; выходить замуж

he is going to take a wife - он собирается жениться  
she wouldn't take him - она не хотела выходить за него замуж, она ему упорно отказывала  
he took to wife Jane Smith - **уст.** он взял в жёны Джейн Смит

## 18. с.-х. принимать

the cow [the mare] took the bull [the stallion] - корова [кобыла] приняла быка [жеребца]

## 19. 1) приниматься

before the graft has taken - до тех пор, пока прививка не принялась  
the flower took at once - цветок сразу принялся

## 2) действовать; приниматься

the vaccination did not take - оспа не привилась /не принялась/  
the medicine seems to be taking - лекарство, кажется, подействовало

## 3) держаться, закрепляться, оставаться

this ink does not take on glossy paper - этими чернилами нельзя писать на глянцевой бумаге  
the snow was not taking on the wet streets - снег таял на мокрых улицах

## 20. начинаться, расходиться, набирать силу

the fire has taken - огонь набрал силу

## 21. 1) **амер.** схватываться, замерзать

the pond has taken - пруд замёрз

## 2) **тех.** твердеть, схватываться

## 22. **разг.** становиться, делаться

to take sick - заболеть, захворать; приболеть

## II A

## 1. 1) принимать (**пищу, лекарство**)

to take a meal - поесть  
to take an early breakfast [dinner] - рано позавтракать [пообедать]  
just take a sip of that wine - прошу вас хотя бы пригубить этого вина  
will you take tea or coffee? - вы будете пить чай или кофе?  
do you take sugar in your tea? - вы пьёте чай с сахаром?  
I cannot take whiskey - я не могу пить /не выношу/ виски  
he can't take his drink - **разг.** он не умеет пить  
he can take his drink - **разг.** у него крепкая голова, он может много выпить  
that's all he ever takes - это всё, что он ест  
to take medicine [pills, sleeping powders] - принимать лекарство [пилюли, снотворное]  
I must take smth. for my headache - мне нужно принять что-л. от головной боли  
to be (well) shaken before taking - перед употреблением взбалтывать (*надпись на этикетке лекарства*)  
to be taken - принимать внутрь, для внутреннего употребления (*надпись на этикетке лекарства*)  
not to be taken - наружное (*надпись на этикетке лекарства*)

## 2) нюхать (**табак**)

to take snuff - нюхать табак

## 3) клевать, брать (**приманку**)

the fish doesn't take (the bait /the hook/) - рыба не клюёт

## 2. ездить (**на автобусе, такси и т. п.**)

to take a tram [a taxi] - поехать на трамвае [на такси] [*см. тж.* I 4, 1)]  
you can take the boat - вы можете поехать на пароходе  
we usually take the lift - мы обычно пользуемся лифтом

## 3. 1) снимать, арендовать (**помещение**)

to take a house (for a year) - снять дом (на год)  
they've taken the large hall for the conference - они сняли большой зал для конференции

## 2) нанимать, приглашать (**рабочих и т. п.**)

to take a maid - нанять служанку

to take smb. as a servant - взять кого-л. в качестве слуги

he took me into partnership - он сделал меня своим компаньоном, он принял /пригласил/ меня в долю

he has been taken into the Air Ministry - его взяли /приняли на работу/ в министерство авиации

### 3) брать (*постояльцев и т. п.*)

to take pupils [lodgers] - брать учеников [постояльцев]

to take paying guests - брать жильцов с пансионом

### 4. выписывать или регулярно покупать (*газеты и т. п.*); подписываться (*на газету и т. п.*)

which magazines and newspapers do you take? - какие журналы и газеты вы выписываете?

### 5. 1) принимать (*руководство, обязанности и т. п.*); нести (*ответственность и т. п.*)

to take command - принять командование

to take the lead - взять на себя руководство

to take control - брать в свои руки руководство /управление/

to take all responsibility - принять на себя всю полноту ответственности

to take responsibility for an action - взять на себя ответственность за *какую-л.* акцию

to take charge of smb., smth. - взять на себя заботу о ком-л., чём-л.; осуществлять контроль /надзор/ за кем-л., чем-л.

when I go away she is to take charge of the children - когда я уеду, она будет заботиться о детях

to take the consequences - отвечать за последствия

I don't want to take the blame for what he did - я не хочу отвечать за то, что сделал он;  $\cong$  он виноват, пусть он и отвечает /расхлёбывает/

to take the blame upon oneself - брать вину на себя

I shall take it upon myself to convince him - я беру /возьму/ на себя (задачу) убедить его

### 2) вступать (*в должность и т. п.*)

to take office - вступать в должность

to take service - поступать на службу

to take the crown - вступать на престол

### 3) получать (*степень и т. п.*)

to take a degree - получить учёную степень, стать магистром или доктором наук

to take holy orders - принять духовный сан, стать священником

### 6. занимать (*место*)

to take a front [a back] seat - садиться спереди [сзади] [*ср. тж. ◇*]

take a seat! - садитесь!

take the chair - садитесь /сядьте/ на (этот) стул [*ср. тж. ◇*]

take your seats! - занимайте места! (*в поезде и т. п.*)

he took one of the vacant places - он занял одно из свободных мест

### 7. держаться, двигаться (*в каком-л. направлении*)

to take (a little) to the right - брать /держаться/ (немного) правее

take this street until you come to the big yellow house, then take the first street to the right, go another 100 yards and take the

turning on the left - идите по этой улице до большого жёлтого дома, затем сверните в первую улицу направо, пройдите ещё сто ярдов и сверните (за угол) налево

he took the opposite direction - он пошёл в противоположном направлении

### 8. занимать (*позицию*); придерживаться (*мнения, точки зрения и т. п.*)

to take the attitude of an outsider - занять позицию (стороннего) наблюдателя

if you take this attitude we shall not come to an agreement - если вы так будете к этому относиться, мы не договоримся /не придём к соглашению/

to take a strong stand - решительно настаивать на своём, упорно отстаивать свою точку зрения; занять жёсткую позицию

to take a jaundiced view - отнестись к чему-л. предвзято /предубеждённо, пристрастно/

to take a practical view of the situation - смотреть на дело /положение/ практически /с практической точки зрения/; трезво смотреть на ситуацию

### 9. 1) приобретать, принимать (*вид, форму и т. п.*)

a pudding takes its shape from the mould - пудинг принимает форму посуды (в которой он пёкся)

the word takes a new meaning in this text - в этом тексте слово приобретает новое значение

at times his voice takes a different tone - иногда его голос звучит иначе

this drink takes its flavour from the lemon peel - лимонная корочка придаёт этому напитку особый вкус /привкус/

### 2) получать, наследовать (*имя, название и т. п.*)

the city of Washington takes its name from George Washington - город Вашингтон назван в честь Джорджа Вашингтона

this apparatus takes its name from the inventor - этот аппарат назван по имени изобретателя

### 10. 1) преодолевать (*препятствие и т. п.*)

to take a hurdle [a grade] - брать барьер [подъём]

the horse took the ditch [the fence] - лошадь перепрыгнула через канаву [забор]

the car took the corner at full speed - машина свернула за угол на полной скорости

I took the stairs too fast - я слишком быстро поднялся по лестнице

### 2) выигрывать, побеждать, одерживать верх (*в спортивном состязании и т. п.*)

the visiting team took the game 8 to 1 - команда гостей выиграла встречу со счётом 8:1

### 3) выигрывать, завоевывать, брать (*приз и т. п.*); занимать (*определённое место*)

to take (the) first prize - завоевать /получить/ первую премию

who took the first place? - кто занял первое место?

### 4) поразить (*ворота в крикете*)

### 11. (into)

### 1) посвящать (*в тайну и т. п.*)

to take smb. into the secret - посвятить кого-л. в тайну  
to take smb. into one's confidence - оказать доверие /довериться/ кому-л.; поделиться с кем-л.; сделать кого-л. поверенным своих тайн

we took him into the details - мы ознакомили его с подробностями, мы ввели его в курс дела

2) **принимать (в расчёт и т. п.)**

to take smth. into account /into consideration/ - принять что-л. во внимание, учесть что-л.

12. 1) **изучать (предмет, ремесло)**

I shall take French - я буду изучать французский язык, я буду заниматься французским

you should take a course in physiology - вам следует заняться физиологией/прослушать курс физиологии

2) **вести (занятия и т. п.)**

he takes the English class - он ведёт занятия по английскому языку

he always takes botany in the park - он всегда проводит занятия по ботанике в парке

to take the evening service - **церк.** служить вечерню

13. **определять (размер, расстояние и т. п.); снимать (показания приборов)**

to take the /a/ temperature - измерять температуру

to take the pulse - проверять пульс

to take measurements - снимать мерку

to take the readings of a meter - снять показания счётчика

to take azimuth - засекают направление, брать азимут

to take bearings - а) ориентироваться уяснять обстановку; б) пеленговать

14. **носить, иметь размер (ноги и т. п.)**

what size do you take in shoes? - какой размер обуви вы носите?

she takes sevens /a seven/ in gloves - она носит седьмой номер перчаток

15. **подвергаться (наказанию и т. п.); нести (потери, урон)**

to take a beating - получить взбучку

to take casualties - нести потери

to take a light [severe] punishment - **воен.** а) получить лёгкое [серьёзное] повреждение; б) нести незначительные [большие] потери

to take a direct hit - **воен.** получить прямое попадание

16. 1) **выдерживать, переносить (неприятности, удары и т. п.)**

I don't know how he can take it - я не знаю, как он (это) выдерживает

she takes the rough with the smooth - она стойко переносит превратности судьбы

he always takes what comes to him - он всегда мирится с тем, что есть

he won't take the insult lying down - он не простит этого оскорбления

2) (take it) **сл.** выносить, терпеть

he can dish it out but he can't take it - он может любого отделать/любому всыпать по первое число/, но сам такого обращения ни от кого не потерпит

3) (take it) **спорт. разг.** держать (удар)

he can't take it - он плохо держит удар

4) **выдерживать (физические нагрузки, о балке и т. п.)**

to take stress - выдерживать давление

17. **заболеть; заразиться (болезнью)**

I take cold easily - я легко простуживаюсь

he took cold that rainy night - в ту дождливую ночь он схватил насморк

he takes all the epidemics - к нему пристаю все болезни

18. **поддаваться (отделке, обработке и т. п.)**

wool takes the dye well - шерсть хорошо красится

the fiber takes any dye - (эта) ткань легко окрашивается в любой цвет

this wood takes the nails easily - в это дерево легко входят гвозди

marble takes high polish - мрамор отлично полируется

19. **впитывать, поглощать (жидкость)**

the sand took all the water - вся вода ушла в песок

parchment will not take ink - на пергаменте нельзя писать чернилами

this stuff doesn't take anything - к этому материалу ничего не пристаёт

20. **спорт.** принимать (подачу, мяч и т. п.)

to take the service - принять подачу

to take a volley low - принять низкий мяч (в теннисе)

II Б

1. 1) **to take to a place** направляться куда-л.

to take to the field - направиться в поле; выйти в поле [**ср. тж.** ◇ ]

he took to the road again - он вновь вышел /вернулся/ на дорогу [**см. тж.** 4, 4]

to take to the open sea - выйти в открытое море

the cat took to the woods and became wild - кошка убежала в лес и одичала

the guerillas took to the mountains - партизаны ушли в горы /скрылись в горах/

2) **to take across smth.** пересекать что-л, идти через что-л

to take across the field - идти по полю

3) **it /smth./ takes somewhere диал.** идти, течь **и т. п.** в каком-л. направлении (о дороге, реке и т. п.)

2. **to take smb., smth. to a place, to smb.**

1) **доставлять, относить, отводить, отвозить** кого-л., что-л. куда-л., к кому-л.

to take smb. home - отвезти/отвести, проводить/кого-л. домой  
may I take you home? - можно мне проводить вас (домой)?  
to take letters to the post - отнести письма на почту  
to take smb. to the hospital - доставить /отвезти/ кого-л. в больницу  
he was taken to the police station - его доставили /отвели/ в полицейский участок  
don't worry, I'll take the book to your father - не беспокойтесь, я отнесу книгу вашему отцу  
it was I who took the news to him - это /именно/ я сообщил ему эту новость  
the butler took the lawyer to the old lady - дворецкий провёл /проводил/ адвоката к старой даме

2) приводить кого-л. куда-л.

what took you to the city today? - что привело вас сегодня в город?  
business took him to London - он поехал в Лондон по делу, дела заставили его поехать в Лондон

3) брать кого-л., что-л. (с собой) куда-л.

to take the children to the theatre - сводить детей в театр  
why don't you take the manuscript to the country? - почему бы тебе не взять рукопись с собой в деревню?

4) выводить, приводить кого-л. куда-л. (о дороге и т. п.)

where will this road take me? - куда эта дорога выведет меня?  
this path will take you to the river - эта тропинка приведёт вас к реке

3. to take smb. for smth. выводить кого-л. (на прогулку и т. п.)

to take a dog for a walk - вывести собаку на прогулку  
to take smb. for a ride - взять кого-л. (с собой) на прогулку (на лошади или на автомобиле) [см. тж. ◇]

4. to take to smth.

1) пристраститься к чему-л.

to take to bad habits - приобрести дурные привычки  
to take to drink /to drinking, to the bottle/ - пристраститься к вину, запить

2) проявлять интерес, симпатию к чему-л.

he didn't take to the idea - его эта идея не заинтересовала, ему эта идея не понравилась /не пришлась по вкусу/  
does he take to Latin? - он с удовольствием занимается латынью?  
I took to instant coffee - я полюбил быстрорастворимый кофе, быстрорастворимый кофе пришёлся мне по вкусу  
to take to tennis - увлечься теннисом

3) привыкать, приспосабливаться к чему-л.

to take to changes easily - быстро привыкнуть к переменам  
fruit trees take badly to the soil - фруктовые деревья плохо акклиматизируются на этой почве

4) обращаться, прибегать к чему-л.

the ship was sinking and they had to take to the boats - корабль тонул, и им пришлось воспользоваться лодками  
he took to the road again - он снова пустился в странствия, он вернулся к бродячему образу жизни [см. тж. 1, 1])  
to take to flight - обращаться в бегство  
to take to a milk diet - перейти на молочную диету  
to take to one's bed - слечь, заболеть

5) начинать заниматься чем-л.

to take to literature - заняться литературой, стать писателем  
to take to the stage - поступить в театр, стать актёром

5. 1) to take to smb. полюбить кого-л., почувствовать к кому-л. симпатию

I took to him at once - он мне сразу понравился  
they have taken to each other - они понравились друг другу, они потянулись друг к другу  
I didn't take to him - я почувствовал к нему антипатию

2) to take against smb. выступать против кого-л.

to take against the king - выступить против короля

6. to take after smb.

1) походить на кого-л.

he takes after his father - он похож на своего отца

2) подражать

his followers take after him in this particular - его сторонники следуют его примеру в этом отношении

7. 1) to take smb., smth. for smb., smth. принимать кого-л., что-л. за кого-л., что-л.

I took him for an Englishman - я принял его за англичанина  
I am not the person you take me for - я не тот, за кого вы меня принимаете  
do you take me for a fool? - вы принимаете меня за дурака?, вы считаете меня дураком?

2) to take smb., smth. to be smb., smth. считать кого-л., что-л. кем-л., чем-л., принимать кого-л., что-л. за кого-л., что-л.

I took him to be an honest man - я принял его за честного человека; он мне показался честным человеком  
do you take me to be a fool? - вы считаете меня дураком?, вы принимаете меня за дурака?  
how old do you take him to be? - как по-вашему, сколько ему лет?

8. to take smth., smb. off smth., smb.

1) снимать что-л. с чего-л.

to take the saucerpan off the fire [the lid off the pan] - снять кастрюлю с огня [крышку с кастрюли]

2) снимать, вычитать что-л. из чего-л.

to take three points off the total score - снять три очка с общего счёта  
to take 3 shillings off the price of smth. - снизить цену на что-л. на три шиллинга

3) заимствовать что-л. у кого-л., подражать, копировать; пародировать, передразнивать

her hairdo was taken off a famous actress - причёску она взяла /заимствовала/ у одной известной актрисы  
she takes her manners off him - своими манерами /своим поведением/ она подражает ему

4) отвлекать что-л., кого-л. от чего-л., кого-л.

to take smb.'s attention off smth. - отвлечь чьё-л. внимание от чего-л.

to take smb.'s mind off smth. - отвлечь чьи-л. мысли от чего-л.

I hope the child will take his mind off his troubles - я надеюсь, (что) ребёнок заставит его забыть неприятности

to take one's mind off smth. - забыть что-л.

I can't take my mind off this misfortune - я не могу забыть об этом несчастье

he couldn't take his eyes off the picture - он не мог оторваться/отвести глаз/ от картины

he never took his eyes off us - он не сводил с нас глаз

to take smb. off his work - отвлекать кого-л. от работы; мешать кому-л. работать

5) избавлять что-л., кого-л. от чего-л., кого-л.

he took the responsibility [the blame] off me - он снял с меня ответственность[вину]

he took him [the responsibility, all the worries] off my hands - он избавил меня от него [от ответственности от всех хлопот]

6) отстранять кого-л. от чего-л.

to take smb. off the job - отстранить кого-л. от работы

7) вычёркивать, изымать кого-л. из чего-л.

to take smb. off the list - вычеркнуть /изъять/ кого-л. из списка

to take a ship off the active list - вычеркнуть корабль из числа действующих

8) сбивать кого-л. с чего-л.

the waves took me off my feet - волны сбили меня с ног [ср. тж. ◇ ]

9. 1) *to take smth. from smth.* вычитать что-л. из чего-л.

to take one number from another - вычесть одно число из другого

if we take two from five we'll have three left - если вычесть два из пяти, останется/в остатке будет/ три

take my debt from the sum - вычти мой долг из этой суммы

the storekeeper took a dollar from the price - лавочник сбавил цену на доллар

2) *to take from smth.* снижать, ослаблять

to take from the value of smth. - снижать ценность, стоимость чего-л.

it doesn't take from the effect of the play - это не ослабляет впечатления, которое производит пьеса

to take from the merit of smb. - умалывать чьи-л. достоинства

it takes much from the pleasure - это портит удовольствие

her paleness takes from her beauty - бледность портит её

10. *to take smth. out of smth.*

1) выносить что-л. откуда-л.

books must not be taken out of the library - книги нельзя выносить из библиотеки

2) вынимать что-л. откуда-л.

take your hands out of your pockets - вынь руки из карманов

3) отвлекать, развлекать кого-л.

a drive in the country will take her out of herself - поездка за город развлечёт её /отвлечёт её от мрачных мыслей/

4) устранять кого-л.

to take smb. out of one's way - устранить кого-л. (со своего пути)

11. *to take smb. through smth.*

1) заставить кого-л. сделать что-л.

I took him through a book of Livy - я заставил его прочесть (одну) книгу Ливия

to take smb. through the first two books of English - прочитать с кем-л. первые две английские книги, помочь кому-л. справиться с двумя первыми английскими книгами

2) заставить кого-л. пройти через что-л.; подвергнуть кого-л. чему-л.

she took me through hell - она заставила меня испытать муки ада

12. *to take smth., smb. down smth.* вести что-л., кого-л. вниз по чему-л.

to take a little boat down the Mississippi - пройти/совершить путешествие/ на маленькой лодке вниз по Миссисипи

13. *to take smth. up to smth.* доводить что-л. до какого-л. времени

to take the story up to 1840 - доводить рассказ до 1840 года

14. *to take smb. over some place* водить кого-л., показывать кому-л. что-л. (*обыкн. помещение и т. п.*)

to take smb. over a house [a museum] - показывать кому-л. дом [музей], водить кого-л. по дому [по музею]

15. *to take smb. on /in, across, over/ smth.* попадать кому-л. по какому-л. месту, ударять кого-л. по чему-л.

the ball took him on the chin - мяч попал ему (прямо) в подбородок

the blow took me across the arm [over the head] - удар пришёлся мне по руке [по голове]

16. *to take upon oneself to do smth.* браться за что-л., брать на себя выполнение чего-л.

to take upon oneself to distribute food - взять на себя распределение продовольствия

III A

1) *обыкн. в сочетании с последующим отглагольным существительным выражает единичный акт или кратковременное действие, соответствующее значению существительного:*

to take a walk - погулять; прогуляться, пройти

to take a turn - а) повернуть; б) прогуляться, пройти; покататься, проехать

to take a step - шагнуть [ср. тж. 2)]

to take a run - разбежаться [ср. тж. ◇ ]

to take a jump /a leap/ - прыгнуть

to take a dive - нырнуть

to take a nap - вздремнуть; соснуть

to take a leak - сл. помочиться

to take a look /a glance/ - взглянуть

just take a look at that - (ты) только взгляни на это

to take a shot - выстрелить [ср. тж. ◇ ]

to take a bath - принять ванну

to take a risk /a chance/ - рискнуть

to take one's chance - воспользоваться случаем

to take (a) breath - а) вдохнуть; б) перевести дыхание; he stopped to take (a) breath - он остановился, чтобы перевести дыхание /передохнуть/

to take (one's) leave - прощаться, уходить

to take an examination - сдавать /держат/ экзамен

to take an oath - а) дать клятву, поклясться; б) **воен.** принимать присягу

## 2) **обыкн. в сочетании с существительным выражает действие, носящее общий характер:**

to take action - а) действовать, принимать меры; I felt I had to take action - я чувствовал, что мне необходимо что-то сделать /начать действовать, принять меры/; б) **юр.** возбуждать судебное дело

to take steps - принимать меры [ср. тж. 1)]

what steps did you take to help them? - какие вы приняли меры /что вы предприняли/, чтобы помочь им?

to take effect - а) возыметь, оказать действие; when the pills took effect - когда пилюли подействовали, б) вступить в силу; the law will take effect next year - закон вступит в силу с будущего года

to take place - случаться, происходить

to take part - участвовать, принимать участие [ср. тж. I 4, 1)]

to take post - располагаться

take post! - по местам!

to take root - пустить корни, укорениться

to take hold - а) схватить; he took hold of my arm - он схватил меня за руку; он ухватился за мою руку; б) овладевать; my plane had taken hold upon his fancy - мой план захватил его воображение; the fashion took hold - мода укоренилась

to take possession - а) стать владельцем, вступить во владение; б) овладеть, захватить

to take aim /sight/ - прицеливаться

to take counsel - совещаться; советоваться

to take advice - а) советоваться, консультироваться; б) следовать совету; take my advice - послушайтесь доброго совета; to

take legal advice - брать консультацию у юриста

to take account - принимать во внимание, учитывать

you must take account of his illness - вы должны учитывать, что он был болен

to take advantage - воспользоваться (преимуществом)

they took advantage of the old woman - они обманули /провели/ эту старую женщину

to take the privilege - воспользоваться правом /привилегией/

to take the opportunity - воспользоваться удобным случаем

we take this opportunity of thanking /to thank/ you - мы пользуемся случаем, чтобы поблагодарить вас

to take interest - интересоваться, проявлять интерес; увлекаться (*чем-л.*)

to take pleasure /delight/ - находить удовольствие

to take pride - гордиться

to take pity - проявлять жалость /милосердие/

to take trouble - стараться, прилагать усилия; брать на себя труд

to take pains - стараться

she took great pains with her composition - она очень усердно работала над своим сочинением

to take offence - обижаться

to take comfort - успокоиться, утешиться

I took comfort in her words - её слова утешили меня

to take courage /heart/ - мужаться; воспрянуть духом; приободриться; не унывать

take courage! - мужайся!, не робей!

to take cover - прятаться, скрываться

to take refuge /shelter/ - укрыться, найти убежище

in his old age he took refuge from his loneliness in his childhood memories - в старости он спасался /находил убежище/ от одиночества в воспоминаниях детства

to take fire - загораться, воспламениться

to take alarm - встревожиться

to take fright - испугаться

to take warning - остерегаться; внять предупреждению

to take notice - замечать; обращать (своё) внимание

to take heed - а) обращать внимание; замечать; б) быть осторожным, соблюдать осторожность

to take care - быть осторожным; take care how you behave - смотри, веди себя осторожно

to take care of smb., smth. - смотреть, присматривать за кем-л., чем-л., заботиться о ком-л., чём-л.

who will take care of the baby? - кто позаботится о ребёнке?, кто присмотрит за ребёнком?

to take a liking /a fancy/ to smb. - полюбить кого-л.

to take a dislike to smb. - невзлюбить кого-л.

to take the salute - **воен.** а) отвечать на отдание чести; б) принимать парад

to take a vote - решать вопрос голосованием

◇

take and - **амер. диал.** взять и

I'll take and bounce a rock on your head - вот возьму и тресну тебя камнем по башке

to take a drop - выпить, подвыпить

to take (a drop /a glass/) too much - хватить /хлебнуть/ лишнего  
to take the chair - занять председательское место, председательствовать; открыть заседание [ср. тж. II A 6]  
to take the veil - облачиться в одежду монахини; уйти в монастырь  
to take the floor - а) выступать, брать слово; б) пойти танцевать  
to take for granted - считать само собой разумеющимся /не требующим доказательств/; принимать на веру  
to take too much for granted - быть слишком самонадеянным; позволять себе слишком много  
to take smth. to pieces - разобрать что-л.  
to take a stick to smb. - побить /отделаты/ кого-л. палкой  
take a stick to him - тресни его палкой  
take it or leave it - на ваше усмотрение; как хотите, как угодно  
to take a turn for the better, to take a favourable turn - измениться к лучшему, пойти на лад  
to take a turn for the worse - измениться к худшему, ухудшиться  
his illness took a turn for the worst - в его болезни наступило ухудшение  
to take stock (of smth., smb.) - [см. stock I ◊ ]  
to take it out of smb. - а) утомлять, лишать сил кого-л.; the long climb took it out of me - длинный подъём утомил меня; the heat takes it out of me - от жары я очень устаю жара лишает меня сил; the illness has taken it out of him - он обессилел от болезни;  
б) отомстить кому-л.; I will take it out of you /of your hide/ - я отомщу тебе за это; это тебе даром не пройдет, ты мне за это заплатишь, так просто ты не отделаешься; я с тобой рассчитаюсь /расквитаюсь/; he will take it out of me /of my hide/ - он отыграется на мне, он мне отомстит за это  
to take smb.'s measure - а) снимать мерку с кого-л.; б) присматриваться к кому-л.; определять чей-л. характер; в) распознать /раскусить/ кого-л.  
to take sides - присоединиться /примкнуть/ к той или другой стороне  
to take smb.'s side /part/, to take sides /part/ with smb. - стать на /принять/ чью-л. сторону  
to take to one's heels - улизнуть, удрать, дать стрекача, пуститься наутёк  
to take one's hook - смотать удочки, дать тягу  
to take it on the lam - **амер. сл.** смываться, скрываться; улепётывать  
to take the cake /the biscuit, the bun/ - занять /выйти на/ первое место; получить приз  
it takes the cake! - это превосходит всё!, дальше идти некуда!  
to take off one's hat to smb. - восхищаться кем-л., преклоняться перед кем-л., снимать шляпу перед кем-л.  
to take a back seat - а) отойти на задний план, стушеваться; б) занимать скромное положение; [ср. тж. II A 6]  
to take a run at smth. - попытаться заняться чем-л. [ср. тж. III A 1]  
to take a shot /a swing/ at smth. /at doing smth./ - попытаться /рискнуть/ сделать что-л. [ср. тж. III A 1]  
to take liberties with smb. - позволять себе вольности по отношению к кому-л.; быть непозволительно фамильярным с кем-л.  
not to be taking any - не быть склонным (делать что-л.)  
I am not taking any - ≅ слуга покорный!  
to take one's hair down - разойтись вовсю, разбушеваться  
to take smb. for a ride - прикончить /укокошить/ кого-л. [см. тж. II Б 3]  
to take the starch /the frills/ out of smb. - **амер.** сбить спесь с кого-л., осадить кого-л.  
to take smth. with a grain of salt - относиться к чему-л. скептически /недоверчиво, критически/  
to take the bit between the /one's/ teeth - закусить удила, пойти напролом  
to take to earth - а) **охот.** уходить в нору; б) спрятаться, притаиться  
to take a load from /off/ smb.'s mind - снять тяжесть с души у кого-л.  
you've taken a load off my mind - ты снял тяжесть с моей души; у меня от сердца отлегло  
to take a load from /off/ one's feet - сесть  
to take a leaf out of smb.'s book - следовать чьему-л. примеру, подражать кому-л.  
to take a rise out of smb. **см.** rise I 15  
to take in hand - а) взять в руки, прибрать к рукам; б) взять в свои руки; взяться, браться (за что-л.)  
to take smb. to task **см.** task I ◊  
to take smb. off his feet - вызвать чей-л. восторг; поразить /увлечь, потрясти/ кого-л. [ср. тж. II Б 8, 8)]  
to take smb. out of his way - доставлять кому-л. лишние хлопоты  
to take it into one's head - вбить /забрать/ себе в голову  
to take one's courage in both hands - набраться храбрости, собраться с духом  
to take exception to smth. - возражать /протестовать/ против чего-л.  
to take the name of God /the Lord's name/ in vain - богохульствовать, кощунствовать; упоминать имя господа всуе  
to take a /one's/ call, to take the curtain - **театр.** выходить на аплодисменты  
to take the field - а) **воен.** начинать боевые действия; выступать в поход; б) выйти на поле (о футбольной команде); [ср. тж. II Б 1, 1)]  
to take in flank [in rear] - **воен.** атаковать с фланга [с тыла]  
to take out of action - **воен.** выводить из боя  
take your time! - не спеши(те)!, не торопи(те)сь!  
he took his time over the job - он делал работу медленно /не спеша/  
to take time by the forelock **см.** time I ◊  
the devil take him! - чёрт бы его побрал!

## take

**take** [take takes took taking taken] **verb, noun** **BrE** ['teɪk] <sup>■</sup> **NAmE** ['teɪk] <sup>■</sup>  
**verb** (took **BrE** [tʊk] <sup>■</sup> ; **NAmE** [tʊk] <sup>■</sup> **taken** **BrE** ['teɪkən] <sup>■</sup> ; **NAmE** ['teɪkən] <sup>■</sup> )

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1. **transitive** to carry or move sth from one place to another
  - ~ **sth (with you)** I forgot to take my bag with me when I got off the bus.
  - ~ **sth to sb/sth** Take this to the bank for me, would you?
  - Shall I take a gift to my host family?
  - ~ **sb sth** Shall I take my host family a gift?
2. **transitive** to go with sb from one place to another, especially to guide or lead them
  - ~ **sb** It's too far to walk— I'll take you by car.
  - ~ **sb to sth** A boy took us to our room.
  - ~ **sb doing sth** I'm taking the kids swimming later.
  - ~ **sb to do sth** The boys were taken to see their grandparents most weekends.
3. **transitive** ~ **sb/sth + adv./prep.** to make sb/sth go from one level, situation, etc. to another
  - Her energy and talent took her to the top of her profession.
  - The new loan takes the total debt to \$100 000.
  - I'd like to take my argument a stage further.
  - He believes he has the skills to take the club forward
  - We'll take the matter forward at our next meeting (= discuss it further) .

## REACH AND HOLD

4. **transitive** ~ **sb/sth** to put your hands or arms around sb/sth and hold them/it; to reach for sb/sth and hold them/it
  - I passed him the rope and he took it.
  - Free newspapers: please take one.
  - Can you take (= hold) the baby for a moment?
  - He took her hand/took her by the hand (= held her hand, for example to lead her somewhere) .
  - She took the child in her arms and kissed him.

## REMOVE

5. **transitive** ~ **sth/sb + adv./prep.** to remove sth/sb from a place or a person
  - Will you take your books off the table?
  - The sign must be taken down.
  - He took some keys out of his pocket.
  - My name had been taken off the list.
  - She was playing with a knife, so I took it away from her.
  - (informal) She was playing with a knife, so I took it off her.
  - (figurative) The new sports centre will **take the pressure off** the old one.
6. **transitive** ~ **sth** to remove sth without permission or by mistake
  - Someone has taken my scarf.
  - Did the burglars take anything valuable?
  - (figurative) The storms **took the lives** of 50 people.
7. **transitive** to get sth from a particular source
  - ~ **sth from sth** The scientists are taking water samples from the river.
  - The machine takes its name from its inventor.
  - ~ **sth out of sth** Part of her article is taken straight (= copied) out of my book.

## CAPTURE

8. **transitive** to capture a place or person; to get control of sth
  - ~ **sth (from sb)** The rebels succeeded in taking the town.
  - The state has **taken control of** the company.
  - ~ **sb + noun** The rebels took him prisoner.
  - He was **taken prisoner** by the rebels.

## CHOOSE/BUY

9. **transitive** ~ **sth** to choose, buy or rent sth
  - I'll take the grey jacket.
  - We took a room at the hotel for two nights.
10. **transitive** ~ **sth (formal)** to buy a newspaper or magazine regularly
  - We take the 'Express'.

## EAT/DRINK

11. **transitive** ~ **sth** to eat, drink, etc. sth
  - Do you take sugar in your coffee?
  - The doctor has given me some medicine to take for my cough.
  - He started taking drugs (= illegal drugs) at college.

## MATHEMATICS

12. **transitive** ~ **A (away) from B | B ~ away A | ~ A away** (not used in the progressive tenses) to reduce one number by the value of another
  - **Syn:** †subtract
  - Take 5 from 12 and you're left with 7.
  - (informal) 80 take away 5 is 75.

## WRITE DOWN

**13. transitive ~ sth** to find out and record sth; to write sth down

- The police officer took my name and address.
- Did you **take notes** in the class?

## PHOTOGRAPH

**14. transitive ~ sth** to photograph sb/sth

- to **take a photograph/picture/snapshot** of sb/sth
- to **have your picture/photo taken**

## MEASUREMENT

**15. transitive ~ sth** to test or measure sth

- to take sb's temperature
- I need to have my blood pressure taken.

## SEAT

**16. transitive ~ sth** to sit down in or use a chair, etc

- Are these seats taken?
- Come in; **take a seat** .

## GIVE EXAMPLE

**17. transitive ~ sb/sth** used to introduce sb/sth as an example

- Lots of couples have problems in the first year of marriage. Take Ann and Paul.

## ACCEPT/RECEIVE

**18. transitive** (not usually used in the progressive tenses or in the passive) ~ **sth** to accept or receive sth

- If they offer me the job, I'll take it.
- She was accused of taking bribes.
- Does the hotel take credit cards?
- I'll take the call in my office.
- Why should I **take the blame** for somebody else's mistakes?
- If you **take my advice** you'll have nothing more to do with him.
- Will you take \$10 for the book (= will you sell it for \$10) ?
- The store took (= sold goods worth) \$100 000 last week.

**19. transitive** (not usually used in the progressive tenses) ~ **sb** to accept sb as a customer, patient, etc

- The school doesn't take boys (= only has girls) .
- The dentist can't take any new patients.

**20. transitive** (not usually used in the progressive tenses) ~ **sth** to experience or be affected by sth

- The school took the full force of the explosion.
- Can the ropes **take the strain** (= not break) ?
- The team took a terrible beating.

**21. transitive, no passive ~ sth** (not usually used in the progressive tenses) to be able to bear sth

- She can't **take criticism** .
- I don't think I can take much more of this heat.
- I find his attitude a little **hard to take** .

**22. transitive ~ sth/sb + adv./prep.** to react to sth/sb in a particular way

- He took the criticism surprisingly well.
- These threats are not to be taken lightly.
- I wish you'd take me seriously.
- She took it in the spirit in which it was intended.

## CONSIDER

**23. transitive** (not used in the progressive tenses) to understand or consider sth in a particular way

- ~ **sth (as sth)** She took what he said as a compliment.
- How am I supposed to take that remark?
- Taken overall, the project was a success.
- ~ **sth to do sth** What did you take his comments to mean?

**24. transitive** (not used in the progressive tenses) to consider sb/sth to be sb/sth, especially when you are wrong

- ~ **sb/sth for sb/sth** Even the experts took the painting for a genuine Van Gogh.
- Of course I didn't do it! **What do you take me for** (= what sort of person do you think I am) ?
- ~ **sb/sth to be sb/sth** I took the man with him to be his father.

## HAVE FEELING/OPINION

**25. transitive** (not usually used in the progressive tenses) ~ **sth** to have a particular feeling, opinion or attitude

- My parents always **took an interest** in my hobbies.
- Don't **take offence** (= be offended) at what I said.
- I **took a dislike** to him.
- He takes the view that children are responsible for their own actions.

## ACTION

**26. transitive ~ sth** to use a particular course of action in order to deal with or achieve sth

- The government is **taking action** to combat drug abuse.
- We need to take a different approach to the problem.

**27. transitive ~ sth** used with nouns to say that sb is doing sth, performing an action, etc.

- to take a step/walk/stroll
- to take a bath/shower/wash
- to take a look/glance
- to take a bite/drink/sip
- to take a deep breath
- to take a break/rest
- (BrE) No decision will be taken on the matter until next week.

## FORM/POSITION

**28. transitive ~ sth** to have a particular form, position or state

- Our next class will take the form of a debate.
- The new President takes office in January.

## TIME

**29. transitive, no passive, intransitive** to need or require a particular amount of time

- ~ **sth** The journey to the airport takes about half an hour.
- ~ **sth to do sth** It takes about half an hour to get to the airport.
- That cut is taking a long time to heal.
- The official seemed to take hours to examine my passport.
- ~ **sb sth (to do sth)** It took her three hours to repair her bike.
- It'll take her time to recover from the illness.
- ~ **sth for sb to do sth** It'll **take time** (= take a long time) for her to recover from the illness.
- + **adv.** I need a shower— I **won't take long** .

## NEED

**30. transitive, no passive** to need or require sth in order to happen or be done

- ~ **sb/sth to do sth** It only takes one careless driver to cause an accident.
- It doesn't take much to make her angry.
- ~ **sth (informal)** He didn't take much persuading (= he was easily persuaded) .

**31. transitive, no passive** (not used in the progressive tenses) ~ **sth** (*of machines, etc.*) to use sth in order to work

- All new cars take unleaded petrol.

## SIZE OF SHOES/CLOTHES

**32. transitive, no passive** (not used in the progressive tenses) ~ **sth** to wear a particular size in shoes or clothes

- What size shoes do you take?

## HOLD/CONTAIN

**33. transitive, no passive** (not used in the progressive tenses) ~ **sth/sb** to have enough space for sth/sb; to be able to hold or contain a particular quantity

- The bus can take 60 passengers.
- The tank takes 50 litres.

## TEACH/LEAD

**34. transitive ~ sb (for sth) | ~ sth** to be the teacher or leader in a class or a religious service

- The head teacher usually takes us for French.
- Mr Perkins took the morning service.

## STUDY

**35. transitive ~ sth** to study a subject at school, college, etc

- She is planning to take a computer course.
- How many subjects are you taking this year?

## EXAM

**36. transitive ~ sth** to do an exam or a test

- When did you take your driving test?

## TRANSPORT/ROAD

**37. transitive ~ sth** to use a form of transport, a road, a path, etc. to go to a place

- to **take the bus/plane/train**
- to take a cab
- Take the second road on the right.
- It's more interesting to take the coast road.

## GO OVER/AROUND

**38. transitive ~ sth (+ adv./prep.)** to go over or around sth

- The horse took the first fence well.
- He takes bends much too fast.

## IN SPORTS

- 39. transitive ~ sth** (of a player in a sports game) to kick or throw the ball from a fixed or agreed position
- to **take a penalty/free kick/corner**

## VOTE/SURVEY

- 40. transitive ~ sth** to use a particular method to find out people's opinions
- to **take a vote/poll/survey**

## BE SUCCESSFUL

- 41. intransitive** to be successful; to work
- The skin graft failed to take.

## GRAMMAR

- 42. transitive** (not used in the progressive tenses) ~ **sth** (of verbs, nouns, etc.) to have or require sth when used in a sentence or other structure

- The verb 'rely' takes the preposition 'on'.

**Rem:** Most idioms containing take are at the entries for the nouns and adjectives in the idioms, for example take the biscuit is at biscuit.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	take
	BrE /teɪk/
	NAmE /teɪk/
he / she / it	takes
	BrE /teɪks/
	NAmE /teɪks/
past simple	took
	BrE /toʊk/
	NAmE /toʊk/
past participle	taken
	BrE /ˈteɪkən/
	NAmE /ˈteɪkən/
-ing form	taking
	BrE /ˈteɪkɪŋ/
	NAmE /ˈteɪkɪŋ/

Word Origin:

late Old English tacan 'get (especially by force), capture', from Old Norse **taka** 'grasp, lay hold of', of unknown ultimate origin.

Synonyms:

**cheat**

fool • deceive • betray • take in • trick • con

These words all mean to make sb believe sth that is not true, especially in order to get what you want.

**cheat** • to make sb believe sth that is not true, in order to get money or sth else from them: ▫ She is accused of attempting to cheat the taxman. ◇ ▫ He cheated his way into the job.

**Cheat** also means to act in a dishonest way in order to gain an advantage, especially in a game, competition or exam: ▫ You're not allowed to look at the answers— ▫ that's cheating ▫.

**fool** • to make sb believe sth that is not true, especially in order to laugh at them or to get what you want: ▫ Just don't be fooled into investing any money with them.

**deceive** • to make sb believe sth that is not true, especially sb who trusts you, in order to get what you want: ▫ She deceived him into handing over all his savings.

**betray** • to hurt sb who trusts you, especially by deceiving them or not being loyal to them: ▫ She felt betrayed when she found out the truth about him.

**take sb in** • [often passive] to deceive sb, usually in order to get what you want: ▫ I was taken in by her story.

**trick** • to deceive sb, especially in a clever way, in order to get what you want.

**con** • (informal) to deceive sb, especially in order to get money from them or get them to do sth for you: ▫ They had been conned out of £100 000.

**which word?**

Many of these words involve making sb believe sth that is not true, but some of them are more disapproving than others. **Deceive** is probably the worst because people typically deceive friends, relations and others who know and trust them. People may **feel cheated/betrayed** by sb in authority who they trusted to look after their interests. If sb **takes you in**, they may do it by acting a part and using words and charm effectively. If sb **cheats/fools/tricks/cons** you, they may get sth from you and make you feel stupid. However, sb might **fool** you just as a joke; and to **trick** sb is sometimes seen as a clever thing to do, if the person being tricked is seen as a bad person who deserves it.

to cheat/fool/trick/con sb **out of** sth

to cheat/fool/deceive/betray/trick/con sb **into doing sth**

to **feel** cheated/fooled/deceived/betrayed/tricked/conned

to fool/deceive **yourself**

to cheat/trick/con **your way** into sth

Synonyms:

## sit

sit down • be seated • take a seat • perch

These words all mean to rest your weight on your bottom with your back upright, for example on a chair.

**sit** • to rest your weight on your bottom with your back upright, for example on a chair: ▪ May I sit here? ◇▪ Sit still, will you!

**Sit** is usually used with an adverb or prepositional phrase to show where or how sb sits, but sometimes another phrase or clause is used to show what sb does while they are sitting: ▪ We sat talking for hours.

**sit down/** • **sit yourself down** • to move from a standing position to a sitting position: ▪ Please sit down. ◇▪ Come in and sit yourselves down.

**be seated** • (formal) to be sitting: ▪ She was seated at the head of the table.

**Be seated** is often used as a formal way of inviting sb to sit down: ▪ Please be seated.

**take a seat** • to sit down **Take a seat** is used especially as a polite way of inviting sb to sit down: ▪ Please take a seat.

**perch** • (rather informal) to sit on sth, especially on the edge of sth: ▪ She perched herself on the edge of the bed.

**Perch** is always used with an adverb or prepositional phrase to show where sb is perching.

to sit/sit down/be seated/take a seat/perch **on** sth

to sit/sit down/be seated/take a seat **in** sth

## Synonyms:

### take

lead • escort • drive • show • walk • guide • usher • direct

These words all mean to go with sb from one place to another.

**take** • to go with sb from one place to another, for example in order to show them sth or to show them the way to a place: ▪ It's too far to walk— I'll take you by car.

**lead** • to go with or go in front of sb in order to show them the way or to make them go in the right direction: ▪ Firefighters led the survivor to safety.

**escort** • to go with sb in order to protect or guard them or to show them the way: ▪ The president arrived, escorted by twelve bodyguards.

**drive** • to take sb somewhere in a car, taxi, etc: ▪ My mother drove us to the airport.

**show** • to take sb to a particular place, in the right direction, or along the correct route: ▪ The attendant showed us to our seats.

**walk** • to go somewhere with sb on foot, especially in order to make sure that they get there safely; to take an animal, especially a dog, for a walk or make an animal walk somewhere: ▪ He always walked her home. ◇▪ Have you walked the dog yet today?

**guide** • to show sb the way to a place, often by going with them; to show sb a place that you know well: ▪ She guided us through the busy streets. ◇▪ We were guided around the museums.

**usher** • (rather formal) to politely take or show sb where they should go, especially within a building: ▪ She ushered her guests to their seats.

**direct** • (rather formal) to tell or show sb how to get somewhere or where to go: ▪ A young woman directed them to the station.

to take/lead/escort/drive/show/walk/guide/usher/direct sb **to/out of/into** sth

to take/lead/escort/drive/show/walk/guide sb **around/round**

to take/lead/escort/drive/walk sb **home**

to take/lead/escort/guide sb **to safety**

to lead/show **the way**

## Which Word?:

### last / take

Last and take are both used to talk about the length of time that something continues.

Last is used to talk about the length of time that an event continues: ▪ How long do you think this storm will last? ◇▪ The movie

lasted over two hours. Last does not always need an expression of time: ▪ His annoyance won't last. Last is also used to say that you have enough of something: ▪ We don't have enough money to last until next month.

Take is used to talk about the amount of time you need in order to go somewhere or do something. It must be used with an

expression of time: ▪ It takes (me) at least an hour to get home from work. ◇▪ How long will the flight take? ◇▪ The water took ages to boil.

## Example Bank:

- Harry took his rejection philosophically.
- He took what I said as a criticism.
- I wanted to be taken seriously as an artist.
- She took the news of her father's death very badly.
- They won't take kindly to being ordered about.
- 28 take away 5 is 23.
- A military junta took control of the country.
- All she had taken was her passport and driving licence.
- Can you take the baby for a moment?
- England failed to take their chances and had to settle for a draw.
- Even the experts took the painting to be a genuine Van Gogh.
- He started taking drugs at college.
- He took her hand/took her by the hand.
- He took the bend much too fast.
- He's not the fool you take him for.
- I asked them if they'd take me with them.
- I don't think I can take much more of this heat.

- I find his attitude a little hard to take.
- I mistakenly took her for the Senator's wife.
- I need a shower— I won't take long.
- I wish you'd take me seriously.
- I'll take the call in my office.
- I'll take the grey jacket.
- I'm afraid your husband has taken a turn for the worse.
- I'm taking the kids swimming later.
- If they offer me the job, I'll take it.
- If you choose deceit, then you must take the consequences of your actions.
- If you take my advice you'll have nothing more to do with him.
- It takes about half an hour to get to the airport.
- It was clear that she wasn't going to take any nonsense.
- It'll take her time to recover from the illness.
- It's too far to walk— I'll take you by car.
- My things had already been taken to my room.
- Of course I didn't do it! What do you take me for?
- Part of her article is taken straight out of my book.
- Please remember to take all your belongings with you when you leave the bus.
- She can't take criticism.
- She took her bags along with her.
- She's taken a nasty fall and has her leg in plaster.
- Should I take him a gift?
- Take 5 from 12 and you're left with 7.
- Take the initiative and fill your life with exciting experiences.
- The bank robbers took several employees hostage.
- The boy took us to our rooms.
- The dentist can't take any new patients.
- The horse took the jump safely but then stumbled.
- The school doesn't take boys.
- The store took \$100 000 last week.
- They took the night train to Vienna.
- They were taken to see their grandparents most weekends.
- Think about what you need to take for the trip.
- We took a bus south to Cairo.
- We took a ferry across to the island.
- When the bus stopped for fuel, we took the opportunity to get something to eat.
- Why should I take the blame for somebody else's mistakes?
- Will you take \$10 for the book?
- You fly to Brussels and take the train to Bruges.
- You should take her home soon.
- You'll have to take a taxi. There's no other way of getting there.
- take a cheque/credit card/£50 note
- take a job
- take a particular amount of money for sth

**Idioms:** I/you can't take somebody anywhere ▪ ↑have what it takes ▪ ↑on the take ▪ ↑somebody can take it or leave it ▪ ↑take a lot of doing ▪ ↑take a lot out of somebody ▪ ↑take it ▪ ↑take it from me ▪ ↑take it on yourself to do something ▪ ↑take somebody as they come ▪ ↑take something as it comes ▪ ↑take that!

**Derived** ↑take after somebody ▪ ↑take against somebody ▪ ↑take away from something ▪ ↑take it out on somebody ▪ ↑take off ▪ ↑take over ▪ ↑take somebody aback ▪ ↑take somebody apart ▪ ↑take somebody back ▪ ↑take somebody in ▪ ↑take somebody off ▪ ↑take somebody off something ▪ ↑take somebody on ▪ ↑take somebody out ▪ ↑take somebody out of himself/ herself ▪ ↑take somebody through something ▪ ↑take somebody up on something ▪ ↑take something apart ▪ ↑take something away ▪ ↑take something back ▪ ↑take something down ▪ ↑take something in ▪ ↑take something off ▪ ↑take something off something ▪ ↑take something on ▪ ↑take something out ▪ ↑take something out of something ▪ ↑take something over ▪ ↑take something up ▪ ↑take something up with somebody ▪ ↑take to somebody ▪ ↑take to something ▪ ↑take up ▪ ↑take up something ▪ ↑take up with somebody ▪ ↑take yourself off ▪ ↑taken up with somebody ▪ ↑taken with somebody

## noun

1. a scene or part of a film/movie that is filmed at one time without stopping the camera
  - We managed to get it right in just two takes.
2. **usually singular (informal)** an amount of money that sb receives, especially the money that is earned by a business during a particular period of time
 

**Syn:** ↑takings

  - How much is my share of the take?
3. **~ on sth (informal)** the particular opinion or idea that sb has about sth
  - What's his take on the plan?
  - a new take on the Romeo and Juliet story (= a way of presenting it)

**see also** ↑double take

## Word Origin:

late Old English *tacan* 'get (especially by force), capture', from Old Norse *taka* 'grasp, lay hold of', of unknown ultimate origin.

## Example Bank:

- The auction was predicted to make \$20 million, but the actual take turned out to be half that figure.

See also: [↑take something away](#) ▪ [↑take something out](#)

## take

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I. **take**<sup>1</sup> **S1 W1** /teɪk/ *BrE* <sup>AmE</sup> *verb* (past tense **took** /tʊk/, past participle **taken**)

/ˈteɪkən/

[Word Family: noun: [↑takings](#), [↑undertaking](#), [↑take](#), [↑taker](#); verb: [↑take](#), [↑overtake](#), [↑undertake](#)]

[Date: 1000-1100; Language: Old Norse; Origin: *taka*]

1. **MOVE** [[transitive](#)] to move or go with someone or something from one place to another **OPP** bring

**take somebody/something to/into etc something**

- Barney took us to the airport.
- Would you mind taking Susie home?
- When he refused to give his name, he was taken into custody.
- My job has taken me all over the world.

**take somebody/something with you**

- His wife went to Australia, taking the children with her.

**take somebody something**

- I have to take Steve the money tonight.

**take somebody to do something**

- He took me to meet his parents.

2. **ACTION** [[transitive](#)] used with a noun instead of using a verb to describe an action. For example, if you take a walk, you walk somewhere:

- Would you like to take a look?
- Mike's just taking a shower.
- Sara took a deep breath.
- I waved, but he didn't take any notice (=pretended not to notice). *British English*
- Please take a seat (=sit down).

**take a picture/photograph/photo**

- Would you mind taking a photo of us together?

3. **REMOVE** [[transitive](#)] to remove something from a place

**take something off/from etc something**

- Take your feet off the seats.
- Someone's taken a pen from my desk.
- Police say money and jewellery were taken in the raid. ⇒ **TAKE AWAY**

4. **TIME/MONEY/EFFORT ETC** [[intransitive and transitive](#)] if something takes a particular amount of time, money, effort etc, that amount of time etc is needed for it to happen or succeed:

- How long is this going to take?
- Organizing a successful street party takes a lot of energy.

**take (somebody) something (to do something)**

- Repairs take time to carry out.
- It took a few minutes for his eyes to adjust to the dark.

**take (somebody) ages/forever informal:**

- It took me ages to find a present for Dad.

**take some doing British English informal (=need a lot of time or effort)**

- Catching up four goals will take some doing.

**take courage/guts**

- It takes courage to admit you are wrong.

**have what it takes informal (=to have the qualities that are needed for success)**

- Neil's got what it takes to be a great footballer.

5. **ACCEPT** [[transitive](#)] to accept or choose something that is offered, suggested, or given to you:

- Will you take the job?
- Do you take American Express?
- If you take my advice, you'll see a doctor.
- Our helpline takes 3.5 million calls (=telephone calls) a year.
- Some doctors are unwilling to take new patients without a referral.
- Liz found his criticisms hard to take.
- I just can't take any more (=can't deal with a bad situation any longer).
- Staff have agreed to take a 2% pay cut.

**take a hammering/beating (=be forced to accept defeat or a bad situation)**

- Small businesses took a hammering in the last recession.

**I take your point/point taken (=used to say that you accept someone's opinion)**

**take sb's word for it/take it from somebody (=accept that what someone says is true)**

- That's the truth – take it from me.

take the credit/blame/responsibility

He's the kind of man who makes things happen but lets others take the credit.

**take it as read/given** (= *assume that something is correct or certain, because you are sure that this is the case*)

It isn't official yet, but you can take it as read that you've got the contract.

**6. HOLD SOMETHING [transitive]** to get hold of something in your hands:

Let me take your coat.

Can you take this package while I get my wallet?

**take somebody/something in/by something**

I just wanted to take him in my arms.

**7. TRAVEL [transitive]** to use a particular form of transport or a particular road in order to go somewhere:

Let's take a cab.

I took the first plane out.

Take the M6 to Junction 19.

**8. STUDY [transitive]** to study a particular subject in school or college for an examination:

Are you taking French next year?

**9. TEST [transitive]** to do an examination or test **SYN sit British English:**

Applicants are asked to take a written test.

**10. SUITABLE [transitive not in progressive or passive]** to be the correct or suitable size, type etc for a particular person or thing:

a car that takes low sulphur fuel

What size shoe do you take?

The elevator takes a maximum of 32 people.

**11. COLLECT [transitive]** to collect or gather something for a particular purpose:

Investigators will take samples of the wreckage to identify the cause.

**take something from something**

The police took a statement from both witnesses.

**12. CONSIDER [intransitive, transitive always + adverb/preposition]** to react to someone or something or consider them in a particular way

**take somebody/something seriously/badly/personally etc**

I was joking, but he took me seriously.

Ben took the news very badly.

She does not take kindly to criticism (=reacts badly to criticism).

**take something as something**

I'll take that remark as a compliment.

**take something as evidence/proof (of something)**

The presence of dust clouds has been taken as evidence of recent star formation.

**take somebody/something to be something**

I took her to be his daughter.

**take somebody/something for something**

Of course I won't tell anyone! What do you take me for? (=what sort of person do you think I am?)

I take it (=I *assume*) you've heard that Rick's resigned.

**13. FEELINGS [transitive usually + adverb]** to have or experience a particular feeling

**take delight/pleasure/pride etc in (doing) something**

You should take pride in your work.

At first, he took no interest in the baby.

**take pity on somebody**

She stood feeling lost until an elderly man took pity on her.

**take offence (=feel offended)**

Don't take offence. Roger says things like that to everybody.

**take comfort from/in (doing) something**

Investors can take comfort from the fact that the World Bank is underwriting the shares.

**14. CONTROL [transitive]** to get possession or control of something:

Enemy forces have taken the airport.

Both boys were taken prisoner.

**take control/charge/power**

The communists took power in 1948.

Youngsters need to take control of their own lives.

**take the lead (=in a race, competition etc)**

**15. MEDICINE/DRUGS [transitive]** to swallow, breathe in, *inject* etc a drug or medicine:

The doctor will ask whether you are taking any medication.

Take two tablets before bedtime.

**take drugs (=take illegal drugs)**

Most teenagers start taking drugs through boredom.

She took an overdose after a row with her boyfriend.

**16. do you take sugar/milk?** *spoken British English* used to ask someone whether they like to have sugar or milk in a drink such as tea or coffee

**17. LEVEL [transitive always + adverb/preposition]** to make someone or something go to a higher level or position

**take something to/into something**

The latest raise takes his salary into six figures.

Even if you have the talent to take you to the top, there's no guarantee you'll get there.

If you want to **take it further**, you should consult an attorney.

18. **MEASURE** [transitive] to measure the amount, level, rate etc of something:

Take the patient's pulse first.

19. **NUMBERS** [transitive] to make a number smaller by a particular amount **SYN subtract**

**take something away/take something (away) from something**

'Take four from nine and what do you get?' 'Five.'

Ten take away nine equals one.

20. **MONEY** [transitive] *British English* if a shop, business etc takes a particular amount of money, it receives that amount of money from its customers **SYN take in** *American English*:

The stall took £25 on Saturday.

21. **somebody can take it or leave it**

a) to neither like nor dislike something:

To some people, smoking is addictive. Others can take it or leave it.

b) used to say that you do not care whether someone accepts your offer or not

22. **take somebody/something (for example)** used to give an example of something you have just been talking about:

People love British cars. Take the Mini. In Japan, it still sells more than all the other British cars put together.

23. **TEACH** [transitive] *British English* to teach a particular group of students in a school or college

**take somebody for something**

Who takes you for English?

24. **WRITE** [transitive] to write down information:

Let me take your email address.

Sue offered to **take notes**.

25. **take somebody out of themselves** *British English* to make someone forget their problems and feel more confident:

Alf said joining the club would take me out of myself.

26. **take a lot out of you/take it out of you** to make you very tired:

Looking after a baby really takes it out of you.

27. **take it upon/on yourself to do something** *formal* to decide to do something without getting someone's permission or approval first:

Reg took it upon himself to hand the press a list of names.

28. **take something to bits/pieces** *British English* to separate something into its different parts:

how to take an engine to bits

29. **be taken with/by something** to be attracted by a particular idea, plan, or person:

I'm quite taken by the idea of Christmas in Berlin.

30. **be taken ill/sick** *formal* to suddenly become ill

31. **SEX** [transitive] *literary* if a man takes someone, he has sex with them

32. **take a bend/fence/corner etc** to try to get over or around something in a particular way:

He took the bend at over 60 and lost control.

33. **HAVE AN EFFECT** [intransitive] if a treatment, <sup>↑</sup>dye, drug etc takes, it begins to work successfully

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## THESAURUS

- **take** to move or go with someone or something from one place to another: Don't forget to take your keys. | Shall I take you home? | I took Alice a cup of tea.
- **bring** to take someone or something to the place where you are now: We've brought someone to see you! | Will you bring your photos with you when you come?
- **transport** to take large quantities of goods from one place to another in a plane, train, ship etc: The plane is used for transporting military equipment. | The coal was transported by rail.
- **deliver** to take goods, letters, newspapers etc to someone's home or office: Unfortunately, the package was delivered to the wrong address.
- **fly** to take someone or something somewhere by plane: The bread is specially flown in from Paris.
- **ship** to take goods from one place to another – this can be by ship, truck, plane, or train: Half the whisky is shipped to Japan and the US.
- **carry** to take people or goods somewhere – used especially when saying how many people or things, or what kind: The new plane can carry up to 600 passengers. | The ship was carrying a full cargo of oil.
- **lead** to take someone to a place by going in front of them: He led Julia through the house to his study. | Roland led the way back to the car in silence.
- **guide** to take someone to a place and show them the way: Emily guided him through a side gate into a large garden.
- **escort** to take someone to a place and protect or guard them: The prisoner was escorted into the room by two police officers. | The singer was escorted by her assistant and her bodyguard.
- **usher** to politely lead someone somewhere and show them where to go, especially because it is your job to do this: We were ushered into the lift by a man in uniform.

**be taken aback** *phrasal verb*

to be very surprised about something:

Emma was somewhat taken aback by his directness.

**take after somebody** *phrasal verb* [not in progressive]

to look or behave like an older relative:

Jenni really takes after her mother.

**take somebody/something apart** *phrasal verb*

1. to separate something into all its different parts **OPP put together**:

Tom was always taking things apart in the garage.

2. to search a place very thoroughly:

" The police took the house apart looking for clues.

3. to beat someone very easily in a game, sport, fight etc

4. to show that someone is wrong or something is not true:

" Tariq takes several gay myths apart in his book.

**take against somebody/something** *phrasal verb* *British English*

to begin to dislike someone or something, especially without a good reason:

" Voters took against the relationship between the government and the unions in the 1970s.

**take somebody/something**  $\leftrightarrow$  **away** *phrasal verb*

1. to remove someone or something, or make something disappear:

" She whisked the tray off the table and took it away.

" He was taken away to begin a prison sentence.

" This should take some of the pain away.

2. **to take away** *British English* if you buy food to take away, you buy cooked food from a restaurant and take it outside to eat it somewhere else  $\Rightarrow$  **takeaway** :

" Fish and chips to take away, please.

3. **take your breath away** to be very beautiful, exciting, or surprising

**take away from something** *phrasal verb*

to spoil the good effect or success that something has:

" The disagreement between the two men should not take away from their accomplishments.

**take somebody/something**  $\leftrightarrow$  **back** *phrasal verb*

1. **take something**  $\leftrightarrow$  **back** to admit that you were wrong to say something:

" You'd better take back that remark!

2. **take something**  $\leftrightarrow$  **back** to take something you have bought back to a shop because it is not suitable:

" If the shirt doesn't fit, take it back.

3. to make you remember a time in the past:

" Having the grandchildren around takes me back to the days when my own children were small.

**take something**  $\leftrightarrow$  **down** *phrasal verb*

1. to move something that is fixed in a high position to a lower position:

" She made us take down all the posters.

2. to write down information:

" Can I just take some details down?

3. to pull a piece of clothing such as trousers part of the way down your legs

**take somebody/something**  $\leftrightarrow$  **in** *phrasal verb*

1. **be taken in** to be completely deceived by someone who lies to you:

" Don't be taken in by products claiming to help you lose weight in a week.

2. **take somebody**  $\leftrightarrow$  **in** to let someone stay in your house because they have nowhere else to stay:

" Brett's always taking in stray animals.

3. **take something**  $\leftrightarrow$  **in** to understand and remember new facts and information **SYN absorb**:

" He watches the older kids, just taking it all in.

" His eyes quickly took in the elegance of her dress.

4. **take something**  $\leftrightarrow$  **in** *American English* to collect or earn a particular amount of money **SYN take** *British English*

5. to visit a place while you are in the area:

" They continued a few miles further to take in Hinton House.

6. *American English old-fashioned* if you take in a show, play etc, you go to see it

7. **take somebody**  $\leftrightarrow$  **in** *British English old-fashioned* if the police take someone in, they take them to a police station to ask them questions about a crime:

" All five teenagers were arrested and taken in for questioning.

8. **take something**  $\leftrightarrow$  **in** to make a piece of clothing fit you by making it narrower **OPP let out**

**take off** *phrasal verb*

1. **REMOVE take something**  $\leftrightarrow$  **off** to remove a piece of clothing **OPP put on**:

" He sat on the bed to take his boots off.

" Charlie was taking off his shirt when the phone rang.

2. **AIRCRAFT** if an aircraft takes off, it rises into the air from the ground **SYN lift off**  $\Rightarrow$  **takeoff**:

" I felt quite excited as the plane took off from Heathrow.

3. **SUCCESS** to suddenly start being successful:

" Mimi became jealous when Jack's career started taking off.

4. **HOLIDAY take something off (something)** to have a holiday from work on a particular day, or for a particular length of time

**take time off (work/school)**

" I rang my boss and arranged to take some time off.

**take a day/the afternoon etc off**

" Dad took the day off to come with me.

5. **COPY SOMEBODY take somebody**  $\leftrightarrow$  **off** *British English informal* to copy the way someone speaks or behaves, in order to entertain people

**take somebody/something**  $\leftrightarrow$  **on** *phrasal verb*

1. **take somebody**  $\leftrightarrow$  **on** to start to employ someone  $\Rightarrow$  **hire**:

" We're taking on 50 new staff this year.

2. **take something**  $\leftrightarrow$  **on** to agree to do some work or be responsible for something:

Don't take on too much work – the extra cash isn't worth it.

3. **take something** ↔ **on** to begin to have a particular quality or appearance:

- Her face took on a fierce expression.
- His life had taken on a new dimension.

4. **take somebody** ↔ **on** to compete against someone or start a fight with someone, especially someone bigger or better than you:

- Nigeria will take on Argentina in the first round of the World Cup on Saturday.
- He was prepared to take on anyone who laid a finger on us.

5. **take something** ↔ **on** if a plane or ship takes on people or things, they come onto it:

- We stopped to take on fuel.

**take somebody/something** ↔ **out** *phrasal verb*

1. **take somebody** ↔ **out** to take someone as your guest to a restaurant, cinema, club etc

**take somebody** ↔ **out for**

- We're taking my folks out for a meal next week.

2. **take something** ↔ **out** to make a financial or legal arrangement with a bank, company, law court etc

**take out a policy/injunction/loan etc**

- Before taking a loan out, calculate your monthly outgoings.

3. **take something** ↔ **out** to get money from your bank account **SYN withdraw** :

- How much would you like to take out?

4. **take something** ↔ **out** to borrow books from a library:

- You can take out six books at a time.

5. **take somebody/something** ↔ **out** *informal* to kill someone or destroy something:

- The building was taken out by a bomb.

**take something out on somebody** *phrasal verb*

to treat someone badly when you are angry or upset, even though it is not their fault:

- Don't take it out on me just because you've had a bad day.

**take your anger/frustration etc out on somebody**

- Irritated with herself, she took her annoyance out on Bridget.

**take over** *phrasal verb*

to take control of something ⇒ **takeover**

**take something** ↔ **over**

- His only reason for investing in the company was to take it over.
- Ruth moved into our apartment and promptly took over.

**take to somebody/something** *phrasal verb* [not in passive]

1. to start to like someone or something:

- Sandra took to it straight away.
- Charles was an odd character whom Kelly had never really taken to.

2. to start doing something regularly

**take to doing something**

- Dee's taken to getting up at 6 and going jogging.

3. **take to your bed** to get into your bed and stay there:

- He was so depressed, he took to his bed for a week.

**take something up** *phrasal verb*

1. **take something** ↔ **up** to become interested in a new activity and to spend time doing it:

- Roger took painting up for a while, but soon lost interest.

2. to start a new job or have a new responsibility:

- Peter will take up the management of the finance department.

**take up a post/a position/duties etc**

- The headteacher takes her duties up in August.

3. **take something** ↔ **up** if you take up a suggestion, problem, complaint etc, you start to do something about it:

- Now the papers have taken up the story.

**take something** ↔ **up with**

- The hospital manager has promised to take the matter up with the member of staff involved.
- I am still very angry and will be taking it up with the authorities.

4. to fill a particular amount of time or space

**be taken up with something**

- The little time I had outside of school was taken up with work.

**take up space/room**

- old books that were taking up space in the office

5. **take something** ↔ **up** to accept a suggestion, offer, or idea:

- Rob took up the invitation to visit.

**take up the challenge/gauntlet**

- Rick took up the challenge and cycled the 250 mile route alone.

6. to move to the exact place where you should be, so that you are ready to do something:

- The runners are taking up their positions on the starting line.

7. **take something** ↔ **up** to make a piece of clothing shorter **OPP let down**

8. **take something** ↔ **up** to continue a story or activity that you or someone else had begun, after a short break:

- I'll take up the story where you left off.

**take somebody up on something** *phrasal verb*

to accept an invitation or suggestion

**take somebody up on an offer/a promise/a suggestion etc**

I'll take you up on that offer of a drink, if it still stands.

**take up with somebody/something** *phrasal verb*

*old-fashioned* to become friendly with someone, especially someone who may influence you badly

II. **take**<sup>2</sup> *BrE* *AmE* *noun*

[Word Family: *noun*: ↑takings, ↑undertaking, ↑take, ↑taker; *verb*: ↑take, ↑overtake, ↑undertake]

1. [countable] an occasion when a film scene, song, action etc is recorded:

We had to do six takes for this particular scene.

2. **sb's take (on something)** someone's opinion about a situation or idea:

What's your take on this issue?

3. **be on the take** *informal* to be willing to do something wrong in return for money:

Is it true that some of the generals are on the take?

4. [usually singular] *American English informal* the amount of money earned by a shop or business in a particular period of time

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■ what you say when giving examples

▪ **for example** used when giving an example: Prices have risen sharply. The price of gasoline, for example, has risen by over 50%. | Nepal has many attractions for visitors. For example, you can go trekking in the Himalayas, or see tigers in Chitwan National Park.

▪ **for instance** used when giving an example. **For instance** is slightly less formal than **for example** and is used more in spoken English: There were many unanswered questions. For instance, where was the money going to come from? | Some people are really good languages. Take Katie, for instance.

▪ **eg/e.g. written** used when giving an example or a list of examples. Don't use **eg** in formal writing – use the full phrase **for example**: Make sure you eat foods that contain protein, e.g. meat, fish, eggs, milk, or cheese.

▪ **such as especially written** used when giving one or two typical examples when there are many others: It is difficult to get even basic foods such as bread and sugar.

▪ **take spoken** used when giving a particular example as a way of proving that what you are saying is correct: Take John – he has a good job but he didn't go to university. | It is possible to recover from some types of cancer. Take skin cancer, for example.

▪ **be a case in point** used when emphasizing that someone or something is a good or typical example of what you have just mentioned: Some birds have returned to Britain after once being extinct here. The return of the osprey is a case in point.

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