

Pronunciation Practice

little turtle	cat catch	cup cute	soap soup	right light	need lead	sheep ship	met made make
not note	full fool	mop mob	thin than	sat stay	man cat	should would could	clothes close chose
sing sign	arm sun sing	van Vince vent	fan van fairy very	bill pill shrill	bull bill	mate met	mate mat
think thing	spoon spin	push punch	bet bat bark bait	head had	pen pan	said sad	guess gas

Work with a partner. The verb “take” is very common in English. Read these sentences with a partner. Decide what the underlined phrase means. The teacher will come around and ask you to explain the meaning.

A: I interviewed for a job last week and they offered me a position.

B: Did you take the job?

A: It's going to rain. Take an umbrella.

B: I'll take my raincoat too.

A: My boss took credit for my work. It made me mad.

B: I can understand. I hate it when other people take credit for my work.

A: The firemen arrived. They took control of the situation quickly.

B: They always take control quickly.

A: I take the bus to school.

B: Do you take the bus home?

A: I took on extra work to make more money.

B: How many extra hours did you take on?

A: I'm thinking of buying a home here.

B: Take my advice and rent an apartment until you know the city better.

A: I thought we might take in a movie after dinner. What do you think?

B: That sounds fun.

A: Roger took the blame for the broken window.

B: Yes, and he wasn't the one who broke it.

A: I'd like to come to your house tomorrow.

B: Take down my address so you know where to come.

A: One of the boys tripped Susan.

B: Yes, and her big sister pushed the boy down. Susan's big sister always takes up for her little sister.

A: Please take your seats.

B: We'd better sit down. I think the performance is going to start.

A: Have you taken any courses at the university?

B: I've taken an English conversation course.

A: It takes a long time to get waited on at this restaurant.

B: Yes, they are very slow.

A: Mandy can't take a joke. She got mad when I teased her.

B: Mandy doesn't have a sense of humor.

A: This shirt has a spot on it. Can you take off a little?

B: Yes, I'll take off 20% because of the spot.

A: Will you go with us to the fair tomorrow?

B: I can't take off from work tomorrow.

A: What will you do in your management job?

B: I will take over a project that is underway.

A: My car is very hard to start. Sometimes I worry that it won't run at all.

B: I'll take your car in for repairs tomorrow.

A: I appreciate your taking it in to the shop. I hope they fix it.

A: Do you take milk in your coffee?

B: I only take sugar.

A: Can this car run on the lowest grade of gas?

B: No, this car takes premium gas.

Discussion Questions:

1. What do you "take seriously"?

Example: I take my painting seriously. I carefully choose my colors and brushes before I begin.

2. Do you take cream in your coffee?

3. Would you ever take in a stray animal?

EX: I took in a stray cat. She is really a sweet cat. Now she lives with me.

4. Do you take any newspapers or magazines? (In this sentence, take means subscribe to)

EX: I take the Austin American Statesman and Discover Magazine

