

PHRASAL VERBS: TAKE

The phrasal verbs with an asterisk (*) are **INSEPARABLE**.

When the direct object is a **PRONOUN**, it must be placed in the middle of a two-word phrasal verb. *Example: Larry took her out. NOT: Larry took-out her.*

Take apart	to disassemble	Kevin took his gun apart to clean it.
Take back	to return to a store to retract to make (sb) nostalgic	My new computer is so slow! I'm going to take it back to the store. I am sorry I called you that name. I take it back. The smell of her perfume took me back to better days.
Take down	to disassemble and/or remove	We always take our Christmas tree down in January.
Take in	to adopt to absorb everything	Brad and Angelina have taken in many children. Joyce really loved the opera last night, she took in everything.
Take off	*to depart to remove *to boom, to increase rapidly	What time does our flight take off? I always take my shoes off when I get home. Sales of the iPhone really took off after 2007.
Take on	to assume	Francisco took on many new responsibilities when his baby was born.
Take out	to treat somebody on a date to extract or remove	I would love to take Tara out; I would wine and dine her. Have you taken the trash out?
Take over	*to gain control of	In 1917, the Bolsheviks took over the government in Russia.
Take up	*to start a new hobby *to fill time	I took up painting last year. I paint almost every Sunday. Homework takes up so much time.

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Exercise and Practice

Fill in the blank with the preposition(s) that make the most sense:

1. My brother took _____ the toaster and now we have to microwave our bagels.
2. Quincy was 80 when he took _____ skydiving.
3. Alright, alright, I take it _____, you're a great cook.
4. Susan's little sister's friends have taken _____ the living room.
5. You should really take _____ the photo of you and your ex, you broke up a year ago.
6. If you forgive me, I'll take you _____ for sushi.
7. Phrasal verbs are a lot to take _____.
8. When you are promoted, you take _____ new responsibilities.
9. Hugh took _____ about five minutes ago. He told me to tell you thanks for everything.

B. Complete the sentences using the best phrasal verb in the correct form!

1. I have been bored lately; I think I will _____ a new hobby.
2. Disney World is overwhelming for small children; it's hard for them to _____ everything.
3. I hope these free English lessons _____ and become very popular.
4. I am sorry. I didn't mean to say that. I _____ what I said.
5. We usually _____ the Christmas lights around January 8th.