

Attitudes

believe in

- ① If you believe in things such as fairies or miracles, you are sure that they really exist or happen.

Do you believe in ghosts?

- ② If you believe in an idea or policy, you support it because you think it is right.

He's very conservative and believes in personal responsibility.

- ③ If you believe in someone, you have confidence in them and think that they will be successful.

I won't give up on you, because I believe in you.

NOTE You can also use have confidence in.

go for

- ① If you go for a particular thing, you choose it or try to achieve it.

They urged the Chancellor to go for the first option.

- ② If you go for someone or something, you like them very much.

I don't really go for that kind of food.

live up to

If someone or something lives up to what is expected, they are as good as they were expected to be.

The film didn't live up to my expectations.

NOTE You can also use match up to.

look at

If you look at a situation in a particular way, you judge it or consider it in that way.

I tend to look at things in a very different way from my parents.

look up to

If you look up to someone, you respect and admire them.

She looks up to her father.

object to

If you object to something, you do not like it or approve of it.

Local residents have objected to the plan.

oppose to

If you are opposed to something, you disagree with it or disapprove of it.

We are opposed to plans to build more houses here.

pick on

If you pick on someone, you treat them badly or in an unfair way, often repeatedly.

Maria had complained that the teacher was picking on her.

NOTE You can also use get at.

put down

If you put someone down, you criticize them and make them feel stupid.

Another thing that upsets me is the way Alex tries to put me down in public.

I hate the way she puts down people in meetings.

put off

To put someone off something or someone means to make them not want to do something or not like something or someone.

The country's high prices have put off many tourists.

The disgusting smell put me off my breakfast.

put up with

If you put up with something or someone, you accept them, even though you do not like them.

Don't put up with Howard's bad behaviour.

see as

If you see someone or something as a particular thing, you believe that they are that thing or have that quality.

He saw her as the perfect woman.

settle for

If you settle for something, you choose or accept it even though it is not what you really want.

Don't settle for second best.

show off

If you show off, you try to impress people by showing them what you can do or telling them what you have done, usually in a way that is annoying.

He's always showing off about how important his job is.

stand for

The things that someone stands for are the ideas or values that they support or represent.

Our organization has always stood for individual liberty.

walk out

If you walk out, you leave a place or a performance as a way of showing that you are angry or that you do not like something.

Many of the audience walked out through boredom.