**GRAMMAR**

1. **The dawn of something:** the start of a period or the beginning of something new.

🡪 The fall of the Berlin Wall marked the dawn of a new era in European history.

1. **Up for something:** intended, suggested, or being considered for something

**🡪 Up for sale**: That house at the end of our road is up for sale again.

🡪 Are you really up for promotion?

🡪 He is up for an Oscar for his latest performance.

🡪 She is up for an award in the folk music category.

🡪 **Up for grabs**: This pizza is up for grabs (= available for taking) if anyone wants some.

1. **Up for (doing) something:** willing and able to do or take part in an activity:

🡪 After a long day at work, I wasn’t really up for a party.

🡪 We’re going swimming. Are you up for it?

🡪 I’m up for organizing the meeting if nobody else wants to do it.

🡪 I certainly wasn’t up for babysitting his kids.

🡪 Do you think Marcus would be up for performing in our show?

1. **Propose a toast:** to ask people at a formal social occasion to express their good wishes or respect for someone by holding up their glasses, usually of alcohol, at the same time and then drinking from them

🡪 Now, if you’d all please raise your glasses, I’d like to propose a toast to the bride and groom.

1. **Take something or someone for granted:** to believe something to be the truth without even thinking about it

🡪 I didn’t realize that Melanie hadn’t been to college – I suppose I just took it for granted.

🡪 One of the problems with relationships is that after a while you just take each other for granted.

1. **Adjective + noun + postpositive adjective**

🡪 The best outcome possible.

🡪 The most efficient method possible.

🡪 A solution available.

🡪 A route possible.

1. **A rubber check:** a cheque (= piece of paper from someone's bank used as payment) that is not worth anything because the person does not have enough money in the bank.
2. **Take something on:** to accept a particular job or responsibility, to begin to have a particular quality

🡪 She took too much on and made herself ill.

🡪 She has taken on far too much work.

🡪 You can’t take on responsibility for the whole event.

1. **Take someone on:** to employ someone

🡪 **Take someone on as a something:** She was taken on as a laboratory assistant.

🡪 We’re taking on new staff at the moment.

🡪 He was taken on as a security guard.