

## A

Compare **away** and **back**:**away** = away from home

- ☐ We're **going away** on holiday today.

**away** = away from a place, a person etc.

- ☐ The woman got into her car, started the engine and **drove away**.
- ☐ I tried to take a picture of the bird, but it **flew away**.
- ☐ I dropped the ticket and it **blew away** in the wind.
- ☐ The police searched the house and **took away** a computer.

In the same way you can say:

**walk away, run away, look away** etc.**back** = back home

- ☐ We'll **be back** in three weeks.

**back** = back to a place, a person etc.

- ☐ A: I'm going out now.  
B: What time will you **be back**?
- ☐ After eating at a restaurant, we **walked back** to our hotel.
- ☐ I've still got Jane's keys. I forgot to **give** them **back** to her.
- ☐ When you've finished with that book, can you **put it back** on the shelf?

In the same way you can say:

**go back, come back, get back, take something back** etc.

## B

Other verbs + **away****get away** = *escape, leave with difficulty*

- ☐ We tried to catch the thief, but she managed to **get away**.

**get away with** something = *do something wrong without being caught*

- ☐ I parked in a no-parking zone, but I **got away with** it. I didn't have to pay a fine.

**keep away (from ...)** = *don't go near*

- ☐ **Keep away from** the edge of the pool. You might fall in.

**give** something **away** = *give it to somebody else because you don't want it any more*

- ☐ 'Did you sell your old computer?' 'No, I **gave it away**.'

**put** something **away** = *put it in the place where it is kept, usually out of sight*

- ☐ When the children had finished playing with their toys, they **put** them **away**.

**throw** something **away** = *put it in the rubbish*

- ☐ I kept the letter, but I **threw away** the envelope.

## C

Other verbs + **back****wave back / smile back / shout back / write back / hit somebody back**

- ☐ I waved to her and she **waved back**.

**call/phone/ring (somebody) back** = *return a phone call*

- ☐ I can't talk to you now. I'll **call** you **back** in ten minutes.

**get back to** somebody = *reply to them by phone etc.*

- ☐ I sent him an email, but he never **got back to** me.

**look back (on something)** = *think about what happened in the past*

- ☐ My first job was in a travel agency. I didn't like it very much at the time but, **looking back on** it, I learnt a lot and it was a very useful experience.

**pay back** money, **pay** somebody **back**

- ☐ If you borrow money, you have to **pay it back**.
- ☐ Thanks for lending me the money. I'll **pay** you **back** next week.