

Bring, carry and take

Verbs and idioms

When a phrasal verb has a literal (as opposed to idiomatic) meaning, it's generally easy to work out what *it* means.

Complete each sentence with a pronoun and a suitable particle from the list below.

- 1 I need my recipe book again, so could you bring *it bac* to me, please?
- 2 While your friends are here, bring _____ to have a meal at my place.
- 3 There's a bottle of wine upstairs, could you please bring _____ to me?
- 4 When our glasses were empty we took _____ to the kitchen.
- 5 I'm upstairs and I'd like some tea - could you bring to me, please?
- 6 We don't need these plates any more, you can take _____
- 7 It's not a good idea to take _____ if you don't know how to reassemble it.
- 8 There's a box of empty bottles by the back door, could you carry _____, please?
- 9 The dog picked up the bone and carried _____



apart away back ✓ back down off out round up

Rewrite the sentences, replacing the phrases in **red** with a suitable phrasal verb or idiom from the list below.

BRING

- 1 He was very upset: I wonder what **caused** that **to happen?** *brought (that) about*
- 2 She was **cared for** by her grandparents when her parents split up.
- 3 Burger Prince have **introduced** a new product: it's called a Lamburger!
- 4 After a long discussion I **persuaded** her **to accept** my point of view.
- 5 Why don't you **raise** the matter **for discussion** at the meeting tomorrow?
- 6 Her illness was **caused** by stress and overwork.
- 7 Can we **arrange** our dinner **for an earlier time?**

CARRY

- 8 Don't worry about me, just **continue** what you were doing as if I wasn't here.
- 9 I **was very excited** when I saw the buffet and took more than I could eat.
- 10 In the film the main character was **having an affair with** her brother-in-law.
- 11 The canteen will be closed until repairs to the kitchen have been **done**.



TAKE

- 12 There was so much information that we couldn't **absorb** it all.
- 13 Looking after five children **occupies** all their time.
- 14 This job carries a lot of responsibility - are you willing to **undertake** it?
- 15 Considering his inexperience it's amazing they **gave him the job**.
- 16 We **assumed** that you'd want to **participate** in the game.
- 17 She did a brilliant **impression** of the boss's voice over the phone but we weren't **deceived** when she said we could all **have a day's holiday**.
- 18 She gets very upset when people **don't appreciate her**.
- 19 As I'd never tried skiing before, I didn't think I'd **develop a liking for** it.
- 20 I'm sorry I was rude to you - I **admit I was wrong in** everything I said.

Most phrasal verbs have idiomatic meanings. If you don't happen to know what one means, you may have to use a dictionary.

bring about ∨ bring forward bring on bring out bring round to bring up bring up
get carried away carry on with carry on with carry out take back take for granted take for granted take in take in take on take on take part take a day off take to take up take-off