

COLLOCATIONS WITH “TAKE”

take (it in) turns

You can take it in turns to play, so there's no need to fight.

take (sb. for) a walk

I took Blackie for a walk before lunch.

take (sb.'s) advice

I never took my parents' advice when I was younger, but I do now.

take (sb.) a long time

It took me a long time to realise what was happening.

take (sb.) a while/ a minute/ five minutes

It will take me a while to get used to his mood.

take (your/the) time

Don't worry about the deadline. You can take your time.

take a (phone) call

John's secretary normally takes his calls.

take a bath/shower

Andy really needs to take a bath after doing so much exercise.

take a bite

Take a bite of the sandwich. I promise you'll love it!

take a bow

The pianist took a bow while the audience applauded.

take a break

Okay, let's take a break and resume in 30 minutes.

take a chance

Rupert was prepared to take a chance and lend him some money.

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take a class/lesson

I took a yoga class when I was younger, but it wasn't my cup of tea.

take a course

I'm thinking about taking a course on web design.

take a hike

They took a hike in the mountains and came back exhausted.

take a holiday/vacation

Mary needed to take a holiday. She'd been working for 5 months non-stop.

take a look

Rick, could you take a look at this report, please?

take a message

Hi. John's not in today, but I can take a message.

take a minute / X minutes

Why don't you take a minute to relax and think about it?

take a nap

Our dog loves to take a nap after we go for a walk.

take a plane/flight/bus/train

I'm taking a flight tomorrow to Hong Kong.

take a raincheck

I'm going to have to take a raincheck. We'll meet up tomorrow, shall we?

take a rest

Harry needed to take a rest after such an intense morning.

take a risk/risks

Are you the sort of person who takes risks?

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take a seat

Please, come in and take a seat.

take a step

He took a step toward me and kissed me.

take a survey

All candidates need to take a survey before the interview.

take a taxi

Shall we just take a taxi to the airport? It's the easiest thing.

take a test/an exam

All students take a placement test when they join the school.

take a trip

We're taking a trip to the lake this afternoon.

take a/sb.'s number

Sir, can I take your number and call you back later?

take a/sb.'s photo/picture

Excuse me, could you take a picture of us standing next to the statue?

take a/the bus/train/subway

You can take a bus to get to the city centre.

take a/the decision

The president took the decision to withdraw all soldiers from the country.

take action

We need to take action before somebody else makes an offer.

take advantage (of sb./sth.)

Richard used to take advantage of his colleagues until he got fired.

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take ages

It will take ages for the country to recover from the war.

take care (of sb.)

Okay, take care of yourself. I'll see you next week!

take charge (of sth.)

Ron took charge of the family business when his dad passed away.

take cover

The soldiers took cover in the nearest trench.

take drugs

Many youngsters take drugs without realising the possible consequences.

take effect

The medicine will take effect after a couple of hours.

take exercise

Bill decided to take some exercise in the afternoons to lose some weight.

take heart

Mary took heart from all the support she received from her friends.

take medicine

Rose normally prefers not to take any medicine when she gets sick.

take notes

Percy was quite good at taking notes during lectures.

take notice

You guys didn't take any notice when I warned you about the weather.

take one's breath away

Their performance took my breath away. It was absolutely fantastic!

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take part (in sth.)

Most of the students didn't feel like taking part in the competition.

take place

When will the conference take place?

take pride (in sth.)

Her parents always took pride in her achievements.

take responsibility

Marcus needs to take responsibility for his recent failures.

take sb. to court

They got a divorce and she took him to court to get the children's custody.

take sb.'s place

She eventually took Joey's place in the band.

take sb.'s temperature

I think Georgie's got a fever. I'm going to take his temperature.

take sth. apart

I'll take the pram apart and check it when we get home.

take sth. to heart

I didn't know she would take my comment to heart. I'll have to apologise.

take sth./sb. seriously

I didn't take him seriously when he said he'd be quitting his job.

take the lead

She took the lead of the meeting and everything ran smoothly.

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take time off

Elisabeth took some time off work to focus on her personal life.

take up (space)

I'm sorry, but your clothes take up all the wardrobe!