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## **Episode #174**

# **Common Phrasal Verbs with TAKE**

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Hi, I am Georgiana, your English teacher and founder of [SpeakEnglishPodcast.com](https://speakenglishpodcast.com). And I am here to help you **speak English fluently with no grammar and no textbooks.**

Today we are going to continue learning new **phrasal verbs**. This time with the verb **TAKE**.

And with a point of view lesson, you will **learn** grammar in context without memorizing any boring rules. I'll tell you a story several times from different grammar points. I can change the tense or the person. And like that, you will **learn grammar in context.**

Before we get started, go to my website [SpeakEnglishPodcast.com](https://speakenglishpodcast.com) to get the **transcript. It's free!**

Ok. Let's start!

Most English learners tend to become overly concerned with **how to learn phrasal verbs**. A **phrasal verb** is just a verb and a particle. For example, "take after."

There are thousands of **phrasal verbs**. Sometimes they may be confusing.

Also, each **phrasal verb** can have multiple meanings.

Ok, this scenario doesn't seem very encouraging, and the million-dollar question is:

**How can you learn all those phrasal verbs?**

Here's the good news: You need to **learn the most common ones**. In other words, what people use most of the time.

So, let's learn some **common phrasal verbs** with the verb TAKE:

### **1. Take After somebody**

To resemble a parent (looks or behavior)

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"I take after my mother so much that people think we are sisters."

## 2. Take something Apart

It means to disassemble or to separate the parts of something so that they are not together.

"I'm going to have to **take apart** the remote control to clean it well."

## 3. Take something Back

This phrasal verb means to **say that you don't really mean what you've said** or written.

"**I take it back.** You're not the worst person I've ever met. But you are the second-worst person I know."

## 4. Take Down

It means to **separate the pieces** of a **structure** or **write something down**.

### Examples:

"We'll have to **take down** the cupboard if we want to paint the walls."

"I've been trying to get back to you, but I **took** your number **down** incorrectly."

## 5. Take On

It means to accept a job, responsibility, or **to hire** somebody.

### Examples:

"I can't **take on** any more responsibilities; I'm too overstressed."

"By the end of the year, we plan to **take on** 100 more people in our company."

## 6. Take over

It means to **gain control**.

### Examples:

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"My boss told me to **take over** the project because my colleague was inefficient."

"When my father retired, my brother **took over** the business."

## 7. Take somebody Up on something

This phrasal verb means to **accept an offer**.

### Example:

"-You're always welcome to visit us."

"-Thank you, I'll **take you up on that** the next time I come to Vienna."

Ok, so today, we have learned some **phrasal verbs** with the verb **take**.

My advice is to **learn phrasal verbs in context** and **never memorize them**, especially because many of them have several meanings.

Let's listen to the **phrasal verbs** we learned today:

**Take After somebody**  
**Take something Apart**  
**Take something Back**  
**Take down**  
**Take on**  
**Take over**  
**Take somebody Up on something**

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Ok, let's continue with a point of view lesson.

# POV Story

(Learn grammar without memorizing)

I will tell you a short story more than once. Each time, I will change one grammar point. I may change the tense or the person. This way, you will learn grammar in context.

Let's start!

Tony didn't **take after** his father. They were not much alike, either physically or character-wise.

However, they did have something in common. They both liked machines. Tony's father liked to work with his hands and could repair almost anything. And Tony enjoyed taking things apart like an old TV or washing machine. He spent hours figuring out how it worked.

Tony worked as a janitor at night in a factory. One day, he saw that one of the machines was faulty. And this opportunity was appealing to Tony, so he started to **take it apart** separately until he repaired it. It was just a loose bolt.

In the morning the manager noticed that the machine worked perfectly and asked who was responsible for it. Tony explained that it was him who fixed the machine, so he was promoted immediately. His boss offered him to **take on** the responsibility of the chief repairman. Naturally, Tony **took over** the position, and from then on, he was in charge of all the repairs in that factory.

Let's listen one more time but this time **in the plural**:

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Tony and Tom didn't **take after** their father. They were not much alike, either physically or character-wise. However, they did have something in common. They all liked machines.

Tony and Tom's father liked to work with his hands and could repair almost anything. So the two brothers enjoyed taking things apart like an old TV or washing machine. They spent hours figuring out how it worked.

Tony and Tom worked as janitors at night in a factory. One day, they saw that one of the machines was faulty. And this opportunity was appealing to Tony and Tom, so they started to **take it apart** separately until they repaired it. It was just a loose bolt.

In the morning the manager noticed that the machine worked perfectly and asked who was responsible for it. Tony and Tom explained that it was them who fixed the machine, so they were promoted immediately. Their boss offered them to **take on** the responsibility of the chief repairman. Naturally, Tony and Tom **took over** the position, and from then on, they were in charge of all the repairs in that factory.

Let's listen this time **from Tony's perspective**:

Hi, I'm Tony, and I must admit that I didn't **take after** my dad. We were not much alike, either physically or character-wise. However, we did have something in common. We both liked machines. My dad liked to work with his hands and could repair almost anything. And I enjoyed taking things apart like an old TV or washing machine. I spent hours figuring out how it worked.

I worked as a janitor at night in a factory. One day, I saw that one of the machines was faulty. And this opportunity was appealing, so I started to **take it apart** separately until I repaired it. It was just a loose bolt.

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Naturally, I **took over** the position, and from then on, I was in charge of all the repairs in that factory.

Ok, it's the end of this short lesson. As you can see, just by changing the story's point of view, you can **learn grammar in context**.

It is one of the techniques that I use in my [premium courses](#). I recommend you to take a look at: [SpeakEnglishPodcast.com/courses](https://SpeakEnglishPodcast.com/courses)



Ok, we have reached the end of this episode. Remember to listen to it several times. It will help with your English.

See you soon! Bye! Bye!

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