

# Delexical verbs (give/take/have/go)

#### 1 You use have with some nouns to talk about common activities:

- a meals: breakfast, lunch, dinner, tea, meal, snack: We have breakfast at 8.30, all right? When would you like to have dinner?
- b food and drink: a drink, a coffee, a taste, a sip etc: I think I'll have a cheese salad, please. Can I have a quick taste of your ice-cream, Pat?
- c talking: a chat, a discussion, an argument, a conversation: Let's have a chat. Did you have an argument about work? I was having a conversation with Sue when the phone rang



I want to have a shower.



'Have you had a bath today?'

e relaxation: a rest, a break, a holiday, a day off:

Can I have some time off this week? I haven't had a break for ages. I think we all need to have a rest.

## ${f 2}$ These are some of the common nouns used with ${\it give}$ . Put them in the right categories:

cry information kiss laugh warning kick whistle shout punch example speech hug report caress interview answer push scream news

talking and telling:			
other noises:			
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actions:			

### 3 You use take with: care, a chance, a decision, a photograph, responsibility, a risk, time:

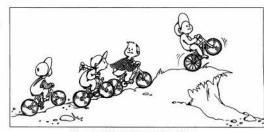
I'll lend you my camera, but take care of it.

The tourists took some photographs of the city's sights.

The children took a long time to finish the exercise.

### 4 You use go with many common activities:

- a go + -ing I'm going shopping this afternoon. Let's go camping. Yesterday I went swimming.
- b go for a + noun: I want to go for a walk.



They went for a ride on their bikes.



Rewrite the following sentences with an expression using have from section 1 o	pposite and
making any necessary changes:	

e.g. They argued angrily. They had an angry argument.
1 We discussed it seriously.
2 They were chatting quietly in the reception room.
3 They eat dinner very late in Spain.
4 I washed quickly then went to school.
5 Paula ate a hamburger for lunch
6 Most people prefer to go on holiday in the summer.
7 I need to talk with you about Simon.
8 Mark enjoys lying in the bath for a long time after playing sport.
Complete these sentences using give or take:  1. Check the oil, the petrol and the brakes before driving off on holiday. We don't want to any
chances of things going wrong.
2 Every time I see the woman who works in the newagent's she me a big smile.
3 The President the journalists a quick interview.
4 Let meyou an example of what I mean.
5 The terrorist group said it responsibility for the bombing of the airport.
6 It will a long time to finish repairing these houses.
7 When the home team scored, the spectators a terrific shout.
8 The doctor us a warning about the dangers of smoking.
$\mathbb C$ Change the sentences to expressions using go + -ing:
1 They decided to go for a swim in the river.
2 If you feel hot why don't you go for a swim?
3 When was the last time you went for a walk across the moor?
4 I think I'll go for a jog.
5 The lake is a great place to fish.