

8 Take/took/taken

A Take with time (*it + take + person + time*)

It **takes** Alan 20 minutes to get to work.
Alan's house → 20 minutes → Alan's office

It **takes** Miriam 45 minutes to get to work.
Miriam's flat → 45 minutes → Miriam's office

I go to school/university every day. It **takes** me 30 minutes.
I do homework every day. It **took** me two hours yesterday.

How long does it **take** to get to the station? 15 minutes in a taxi.



B Take with courses/exams, etc.

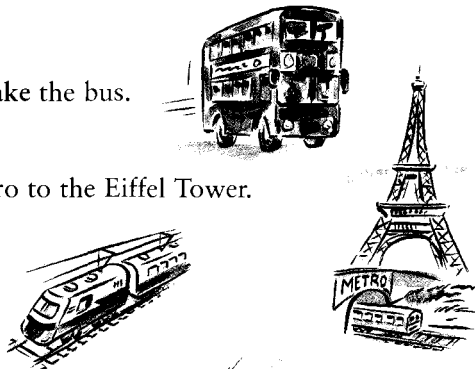
Are you **taking** an English course? Yes.
Do you have to **take** an exam? Yes, at the end of the course.
I want to **take** some Japanese lessons.

C Take with bus, car, etc.

How do you get to work? I **take** the bus.

In Paris you can **take** the metro to the Eiffel Tower.

How does Nik get to work?
He **takes** the train.



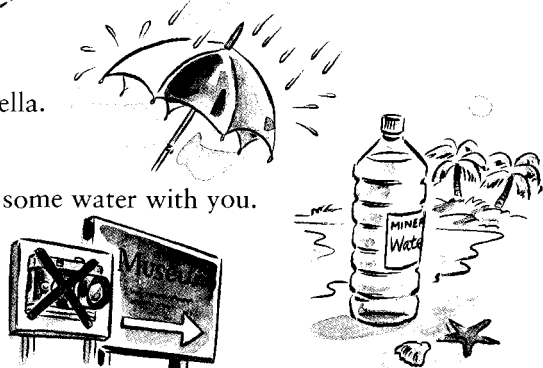
D Take something with you

Are you going out? **Take** an umbrella.
It's raining.

Are you going to the beach? **Take** some water with you.

Sorry, you can't **take** your camera
into the museum.

Useful expression: Can I **take** a photograph here? → Can I **take** a picture of ...?



Tip: Make a page in your notebook for **take** and put in new words that go with it when you see them (e.g. a picture, a look at, a chance).

Exercises

8.1 Fill the gaps for yourself.

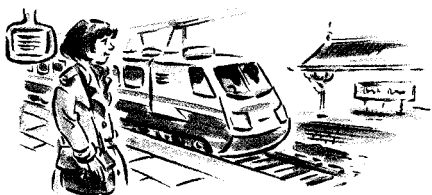
- 1 It me minutes to get to school/university.
- 2 It takes me minutes/hours to go from to
- 3 takes me to do one unit of this book.

8.2 Complete the sentences using *take/took* and an expression from the box.

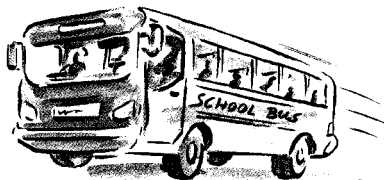
a course your driving test some lessons an exam

- 1 At the end of the course, you have to
- 2 I wanted to speak French, so I
- 3 You want to learn Russian? Why don't you
- 4 In Britain, when you are 17, you can

8.3 Look at the pictures. Answer the questions using *take*.



- 1 How does Lisa go to work?
She



- 3 How does Simon go to school?
He



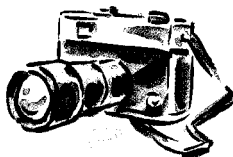
- 2 How can I get to the airport?
You



- 4 How do Paul and Ann get home every day?
They

8.4 What do you take with you when ...

- 1 you want to take photographs?
- 2 it's raining?
- 3 you go to another country?
- 4 you go to your English lessons?



8.5 How long did it take you to do this unit?