

## "Take" Phrasal Verbs: Definitions

**take after:** to look like, act like, or follow the example of someone (usually a parent or older relative)

- *Chris loves travelling around the world. He takes after his father, who was an airline pilot.*
  - *Everyone says I take after my mother because I enjoy helping others.*
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**take (someone) aside:** to talk to someone alone, away from other people

- *My boss took me aside after the meeting and told me he really liked my proposal.*
  - *The two boys were fighting in class, so the teacher took them aside after class and made them apologize to each other.*
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**take down:** to take notes in a meeting, class, etc.

- *Every Sunday in church, the minister says the names of people who are sick or having a hard time. My mother always brings a pen so she can take down their names and pray for them later.*
  - *I made sure to take down the professor's instructions so that I wouldn't forget the assignment.*
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**take it out on (someone):** to yell at or express all of your anger at a single person (even if they might not deserve all of the blame)

- *Gary was angry at his boss, and when he got home he took it out on his wife.*
  - *Later, Gary apologized to his wife. "I'm sorry," he said. "I shouldn't have taken my anger out on you. I was just really angry about what my boss said to me."*
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**take (x) over:** to take control of a company or task from someone else

- *The new employee doesn't know how to handle this project, so I'm going to have to take it over.*
  - *I'm too tired to keep driving. Can you take over for awhile so I can get some rest?*
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**take up:** to fill time or space

- *We need to get rid of this sofa. It takes up too much space in our small apartment!*
  - *I don't want to see that long movie today. It will take up the entire afternoon!*
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## **“Take” Phrasal Verbs: Review**

*Fill in the blanks with the correct words to complete these “take” phrasal verbs.*

- 1. Terry: Stop yelling at me! I know you’re angry that you lost your job, but you don’t have to yell at *me*!**  
**Melissa: You’re right. I’m sorry. I shouldn’t have \_\_\_\_\_ it \_\_\_\_\_ you.**
- 2. My brother can’t afford his car payments, so I’m going to \_\_\_\_\_ his lease.**
- 3. I don’t want to start playing video games because I know that if I start, they will \_\_\_\_\_ my entire day and night, and I won’t get anything done!**
- 4. After he proposed to his girlfriend, John \_\_\_\_\_ me \_\_\_\_\_ and asked if I would be his best man at the wedding.**
- 5. Bill and his brothers all joined the army after graduating from high school. They all \_\_\_\_\_ their father, who was a respected general in the army before he retired.**
- 6. It is the secretary’s job to \_\_\_\_\_ the boss’s instructions and assist him whenever he needs help.**
- 7. My brothers and I are planning to \_\_\_\_\_ our father’s company after he retires. He has been very successful, so we will have very high expectations to live up to.**
- 8. I don’t want to buy that painting. It’s too big! It will \_\_\_\_\_ the entire wall in our living room!**