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Words and phrases that can confuse

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Many people make a mistake with these two words. It all depends on where you are and where things go!

Basically, **BRING** means to me-us/where I am-we are -will be (often used with “here”).

TAKE means away from me/here or from another place to yet another place (often used with “there”).

So, can you **bring** me that chair? (you will move to the chair, get it, and transport it to where I am now).

Can you **take** this chair to the other room? (you will move to the chair [near me], get it, and transport it to the other room).

Can you go to the other room, get the chair that is there, and take it to the kitchen? (you will move to the other room, find the chair, get it, and transport it to the kitchen).



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Sometimes we use **TAKE** to mean **HOLD** and keep, it means that the “thing” will go away with you (also figuratively).

- Take this money
- Take my advice

These verbs can also give extra information not mentioned in the sentence, for example:

- Bring some food to the party. (*I will also be at the party*)
- Take some food to the party. (*I will not be at the party*)

We also use **TAKE** in the sense of **USE-NEED-TIME**

- You can **take** salt, pepper and vinegar to make a nice dressing.
- It will **take** a lot of money to buy a new car.
- How long did it **take** you to get here?



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- ...metamaterials with effective parameters near zero **bring** an entirely new set of mechanisms...
- ...so Dollond deserved patent protection for **bringing** the idea to market.
- Temcell is just the first of a wave of products that **bring** this dream closer to reality.
- ...and advantages that green chemistry **brings**.

There is also a vast phraseology for TAKE.

Take measures: to do something

Take steps: to prepare or begin something

Take photographs: use a camera to record an image

Take a lesson: attend a lesson

Take time: the time needed to do something

Take care: to be careful

Take pride: to be proud of something

Take into account: to consider or remember something

Take part: participate

Take action: do something

Take for granted: not fully appreciate-assume without questioning

Take advantage: exploit

Take a sample: remove a part

Take over: assume control/do something for someone

Take up: do something/occupy space/internalise

Take in: internalise