

The many meanings of take

Name _____

Date _____

DIRECTIONS

The word **take** is printed in bold in every sentence below. Read each group and notice how its meaning shifts — and how the sign changes along with it. Then write your own sentences on the blank lines.

1 TAKE AWAY

to carry something or someone with you when you go

- ♦ **Take** your jacket when you go.
 - ♦ I will **take** the book when I leave.
 - ♦ My husband promised to **take** me out to eat.
 - ♦ The thief **took** her purse.
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2 ACCEPT

to receive or take on something that is offered to you

- ♦ Don't **take** everything you hear as the gospel.
 - ♦ They **took** in foster children for many years.
 - ♦ My mother **took** responsibility for my cousin's well-being.
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3 TAKE UP

to begin or pursue something, especially a course of study

- ♦ I am **taking** sign language class.
 - ♦ My brother is **taking** a BA degree in business.
 - ♦ She doesn't **take** teasing very well.
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4 BRING

carrying something along toward the place you are going

- ♦ Please **take** me home after class.
 - ♦ Did you remember to **take** your homework to class with you?
 - ♦ You should **take** your jacket because it is supposed to rain.
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5 CAPTURE

to seize or take control of something by force

- ♦ The Red army **took** over the Blue army.
- ♦ My opponent **took** all of Boardwalk.
- ♦ The Russians wanted to **take** over Afghanistan.

6 REQUIRE

to need a certain amount of time, material, or effort

- ♦ That recipe **takes** three cups of flour.
- ♦ It **takes** 24 hours to drive to Florida.
- ♦ It **takes** about 20 pounds of meat to feed a lion.

7 SELECT / CHOOSE

to pick something out from among the options

- ♦ **Take** three cards.
- ♦ Which classes did you **take** for next semester?
- ♦ **Take** the one you want, and I'll **take** the other.

CHALLENGE

Pick the two groups whose meanings feel closest to each other. Write one sentence for each, then explain to a partner how the two signs are different.

THINK ABOUT IT

All seven groups use the same English word, but they do not share the same meaning – and in ASL they do not share the same sign. Choose one of your own sentences from each group and be ready to sign it for the class.