

Take off ★★

This is the first of two Grammar Bites about **take**:

1 **take off** = "remove"



He took off his hat.

Word order

- He took off his hat
- He took his hat off
- He took it off
- ~~He took off it~~

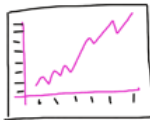
(only applies to "remove")

2 **take off** = "leave the ground"



The plane took off at six fifteen.

3 **take off** = "be successful"



The ipad took off at once, and has sold millions

Illustrations: Holden-Hotopf

Quick check

Put a tick in the right column: 1="remove"; 2="leave the ground";

3="be successful"

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| 1 Jamie's career has taken off; he's general manager already! | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2 Take off your coat, it's warm in here. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3 The helicopter took off and flew over the city. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4 Can you take your stuff off the chair? I want to sit down. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5 If your new book takes off, you'll be rich! | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

