

Have, take (delexical verbs 1) ★★

*Have, take, make and give are sometimes used as DELEXICAL VERBS**

1 Have a dance...



“We had a dance, then we had a chat”

Cartoons: Holden-Hotopf

More examples:

have a (good) cry, have a quarrel, have a talk, have a rest, have a (nice) time...

2 Take a photo...



“Take a photo of the cat, he looks adorable.”

More examples:

take a decision, take an interest, take the blame, take responsibility, take the trouble, take care, take charge, take the lead...

*When a verb is used as delexical. it doesn't have much meaning in itself, and is used with a noun which gives the meaning.

Next week: *make and give*

Quick check

Complete each sentence with the right form of *have* or *take*:

- 1 The president _____ an interest in our work, and stayed for some time.
- 2 “Come in, let’s _____ a good talk.”
- 3 Usain Bolt _____ the lead in the first three seconds of the race.
- 4 I can’t let you _____ the blame for this, it wasn’t your fault.
- 5 “Thank you for your invitation, we _____ a good time this evening. Goodbye”