

Away ★★

(★ = Basic ★★ = Intermediate ★★★ = Advanced)

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(read this)

We use **away** in MULTI-WORD VERBS¹ like *go away*, *put it away*.



"He's going away!"
(= "leaving this place")

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(*go away*, *walk away*, *run away*, *drive away*, *fly away*...)



He's putting the plates away
(= "in the place where we store them")
He's putting them away



He's throwing an old tin away
(= putting it in the rubbish bin)
He's throwing it away

$$12 - 7 = 5$$

Take away seven from twelve, and you're left with five.
(twelve minus seven equals five)

Word order

*He's putting the plates **away*** ✓ *He's putting them **away*** ✓
*He's putting **away** the plates* ✓ *He's putting **away** them* ✗

(there are two possible orders of **away** and a NOUN, but only one with **away** and a PRONOUN)

¹ MULTI-WORD VERB = PHRASAL VERB **or** PREPOSITIONAL VERB

Worksheet

(do this)

Think about the meaning of these sentences, then insert one of the verbs:

drove galloped ran swam walked

- The boy took one look at the dog, then turned and _____ away as fast he could.
- He got into his car and _____ away.
- The shark looked at me, then turned gradually round and _____ away.
- The player spoke angrily to the referee, turned on his heel and _____ slowly away.
- The horse was startled, and _____ away.

Inserting away

Tick (✓) the correct position(s) of away in each sentence [1 or 2 in each]:

Put the books[□] and then fold up the table.[□]

Put[□] them[□] and then fold up the table.

He threw[□] it[□] because it didn't work.

He threw[□] the pen[□] because it didn't work.

Stack[□] the plates and glasses.[□]

Stack[□] them[□].

"Can you pack[□] your clothes[□] now?"

"Can you pack[□] them[□] now?"

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