

Off in multi-word verbs ★★

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Here are three different ways we use **off** in MULTI-WORD VERBS.

1 Bringing to an end



“Don’t worry, the effects of the potion will soon wear off.”

break off, cool off, cut off, doze off, tail off, wear off

2 Leaving, starting a journey



“We set off happily...”

move off, start off, set off, walk off, drive off...

3 Exploding (one verb only)



The bomb went off with a loud bang.

There are more ways of using **off**, and some of these verbs have other uses

Complete these sentences with the right form of the one of the verbs:

doze off go off move off wear off

1 “My new gloves are stiff.” “Don’t worry, that’ll _____ in a few weeks.”

2 “When the rockets _____, turn your face away.”

3 The convoy was ready to _____ when the captain gave the signal..

4 The lecture was so boring, and the room so warm, that I began to _____.

cool off cut off drive off set off

5 We _____ at dawn and marched all day.

6 We all piled into the car and _____ happily.

7 “Everyone’s very upset, and we need time _____.”

8 If the post is too long, _____ the end and make it shorter.

break off start off tail off walk off

9 The sound of voices gradually _____ as walked away along the corridor.

10 He was speaking loudly, but _____ suddenly when his wife entered the room.

11 We _____ enthusiastically, but our interest faded after a while.

12 He walked up to me, told me what he thought, and _____.

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