

85 take up something (1)



Study Read these sentences carefully.

- ▶ I didn't know you'd **taken up** cookery!
- ▶ He's **taken up** jogging in order to lose weight.
- ▶ She **took up** languages and now speaks Chinese quite well.
- ▶ I used to do some writing and I'd like to **take it up** again.

Check Use the sentences in the Study box to help you do these exercises.

MEANING

Choose **three** of the words below to complete this meaning of **take up something**.

activity pleasure start work

to _____ to do a new

_____, especially for

GRAMMAR

Which of these are grammatically possible?

- a She took up sailing.
- b She took it up.
- c She took up it.
- d Sailing was taken up.

→ Now check your answers in the key.

Practise

1 Complete the sentences with the correct **form of take up** and one of the objects below.

baseball her new job different instruments it painting one smoking

a Tom recently _____ to get fit.

b He advises parents and children on the **dangers** of _____.

c Rather than all of us playing the flute, **I think** we should _____.

d I had never been fishing before, but I **have now** _____ and am enjoying it.

e My art teacher advised me _____ as a career.

f She _____ **first thing** Monday morning.

g I never had the time for a hobby, **even if I had** wanted to _____.

2 Correct any errors in the following.

a She decided to take up walk to try to **keep fit**.

b I believe she took up the violin at the **age** of 4.

c I was no good at rugby so I take up **rowing**.

d There are lots of hobbies that you **can take** them up.

→ Now check your answers in the key.

Build your vocabulary

OPPOSITES

→ GIVE UP, GIVE UP SOMETHING