Take is the next KEY WORD in our series on boosting your vocabulary. We are going to look at TAKE in this post to clear up any doubts that you may have about its use and also to improve your vocabulary with phrasal verbs and fixed expressions:

(USA) American English:

As a British person it would be weird for me to use terms such as TAKE a shower or TAKE a beer. But in American English these terms are perfectly acceptable. You can substitute do, have or get in many situations.

Do:

Do an exam = TAKE an exam

Do some exercise = TAKE some exercise

Have:

Have a shower = TAKE a shower

Have a drink = TAKE a drink

Have a rest = TAKE a rest

Get:

Get the bus = TAKE the bus

Get the train = TAKE the train
Phrasal verbs: You should learn phrasal verbs by learning them as a short phase in a context, not as individual words. You must write lots of phrases and use them speaking, see our previous post on phrasal verbs (HERE)

Example phrase: Don’t take me for a fool!

Take over = assume control of
Take up = start doing/sign up for
Take on = hire someone/ face a challenge
Take in = understand
Take out = withdraw/ remove from a place
Take after = be similar to a relative
Take to = become good at
Take off = become successful
Take care of = look after
Take back = accept something that is returned to you
Take apart = dissemble
Take along = bring
Take down = remove or bring to the ground
Take upon = assume responsibility for
Take around = accompany someone around a place
Take for = think of someone in a certain way
Fixed expressions:

Take into account = consider

Take a look = check out

Take your time = do something slowly/patiently

Take a trip = go on a trip

Take part in = participate in

Take a break = relax for a short time

Take a chance = risk something

Take a seat = sit down

Take notes = write something down

Take is a simple word but it can be used in various different ways. Make sure that you get used to using both British and American English so that you can understand everything.