

# MÓDULO 05 - TAKE ON

## DEFINITION

To take on – to assume the responsibility of something

- TAKE ON is SEPARABLE
- TAKE is IRREGULAR

TAKE – TOOK – TAKEN

## EXAMPLES AND EXPLANATIONS

### 1. Present tense

Eliza doesn't want to *take on* any more work.

### 2. Present simple + present continuous + modal verb (should)

Are you sure we *should be taking on* this job?

### 3. Past simple

The teacher *took on* **two more** classes.

- number + more
  - o You have 10 more minutes to finish the test.
  - o Could I have two more pieces of pizza, please?
  - o We need 4 more chairs.

### 4. Past continuous + past simple + modal verb (could)

I told Thomas and Priscila they *were taking on* more than they could handle, but they didn't **listen to** me.

- Listen TO (someone or something)
  - o Are you listening to me?
  - o I listen to podcasts every day on my way to work.

### 5. Used to (+ be used to/get used to do)

When we were young, we *took on* zero responsibilities, but now we're used to doing everything ourselves.

### 6. Future (going to) + simple present

They're *going to take on* another child. Do you think they can **afford** it?

- to afford (something) = to have enough money to pay for (something); to be able to miss something or do something that would have a negative consequence.
  - o I really want a new car, but I can't afford it right now. (I don't have enough money to pay for it.)
  - o I have to do really well on this test. I can't afford to fail. (My grades are not that great, so I can't afford to do poorly.)

### 7. Present perfect

Sophia and her brother *have taken on* three new puppies at the animal shelter.

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### 8. Past perfect

By the time she was fifteen, Joanne *had taken on* the role of caring for her younger siblings.

### 9. Conditionals

The boss will make you *take on* more work if he thinks you don't have enough.

### 10. Modals (should)

You *shouldn't take on* any more responsibility right now. You're already busy **as it is**.

- as it is= como é/está

- o Leave the kitchen just as it is. I like it this way.

## PRACTICE

Have you ever taken on more responsibility than you could handle? If so, what was it?

What (job, projects or other responsibilities) have you taken on recently?