

# MÓDULO 05 - TAKE OFF

## DEFINITION

To take off –

- 1) to remove (something);
- 2) to go into the air/to leave the ground
  - TAKE OFF is SEPARABLE when it means “to remove”
  - TAKE OFF is INSEPARABLE when it means “to go into the air”/ “to leave the ground”
  - TAKE is IRREGULAR

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## EXAMPLES AND EXPLANATIONS

### 1) To remove (something)

#### 1. Present tense + modal verb (must)

You must never *take off* your helmet when you are **in** space!

- Use the preposition **IN** to say “inside” a specific place or an area
  - o Many different types of plants and animals live **in** the Amazon Rainforest.
  - o There are many fish **in** the sea.

#### 2. Present continuous

Michelle is **over there**, *taking off* her coat.

- over there/here – gives emphasis to the location when someone is far away or the object that they are looking for is far away
  - o Where’s my cellphone? It’s over there on the table.
  - o Get over here right now! (can be used with “here” in commands)
- right there/here – used when the person is close to the object they are looking for or the object is clearly visible (bem aqui; bem aí)
  - o It’s right here. – It’s in front of me. (clearly visible)
  - o I’ll be right there. – I’ll be there (next to you).

#### 3. Present simple + past simple

Your sister is **on** the **balcony**. She *took* her hat *off* and **put it on** the **counter**.

- Use the preposition **ON** with surfaces
  - o There is a sign **on** the door that says, “no soliciting.”
  - o We put ornaments **on** the Christmas tree.
- Balcony = sacada (balcony and “balcão” are false cognates)
- Counter = balcão
- Put on = a phrasal verb that means “place clothing/jewelry/etc. on your body or another place” or “make a device operate” (turn on).
  - o Put your shoes **on**.
  - o I put the plates and silverware **on** the table.
  - o Should I put **on** some music? = (Should I turn **on** some music?)

#### 4. Past continuous + past simple

Carmen *was taking off* her sunglasses and accidentally dropped them.

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

When my grandparents moved to Japan, they had to get *used to taking* their shoes *off* before entering a house.

## 2) To go into the air/leave the ground

## 6. Future (will)

According to the lady **at** the information counter, the plane *will take off* **in** an hour.

- at -specific location
  - o I'm at work/home/school.
- in – a time frame
  - o Mary said that she'll be here in about 5 minutes.

## 7. Present perfect

This new project has really *taken off* in our department. **I'm stoked!**

- stoked – excited (“pumped”)

## 8. Future perfect

This traffic is terrible! The plane will have *taken off* by the time we **get** to the airport!

- get – arrive
  - o How do you get to work?
  - I take the bus.

## 9. Conditionals (should)

Our plane *should take off* in two hours if everything is all right.

## 10. Modals (could)

This new product is so **cutting-edge**, it *could* really *take off* with the teen crowd!

- cutting-edge = new technology

## ■ PRACTICE

Can you think of anyone or anything that has taken off recently? Maybe there's a new singer that recently gained a lot of success? Or maybe there some new technology that everyone is talking about?