

A **on** and **off** for lights, machines etc.

We say:
the light **is on** / **put** the light **on** / **leave** the light **on** etc.
turn the light **on/off** or **switch** the light **on/off**

- ☐ Shall I **leave** the lights **on** or **turn** them **off**?
- ☐ 'Is the heating **on**?' 'No, I **switched** it **off**.'

also

put (music, a song) **on**, **put** the kettle **on**:

- ☐ Let's **put** some music **on**. What would you like to hear?
- ☐ We need boiling water, so I'll **put** the kettle **on**.

B **on** and **off** for events etc.

go on = *happen*

- ☐ What's all that noise? What's **going on**? (= what's happening)

call something **off** = *cancel it*

- ☐ The concert in the park had to be **called off** because of the weather.

put something **off**, **put off** doing something = *delay it*

- ☐ The election has been **put off** until January.
- ☐ We can't **put off** making a decision. We have to decide now.

C **on** and **off** for clothes etc.

put on clothes, glasses, make-up, a seat belt etc.

- ☐ My hands were cold, so I **put** my gloves **on**.

put on weight = *get heavier*

- ☐ I've **put on** two kilos in the last month.

try on clothes (to see if they fit)

- ☐ I **tried on** a jacket in the shop, but it didn't look right.

take off clothes, glasses etc.

- ☐ It was warm, so I **took off** my coat.

D **off** = away from a person or place

be off (to a place)

- ☐ Tomorrow I'm **off** to Paris. / I'm **off** on holiday.
(= I'm going to Paris / I'm going on holiday)

walk off / **run off** / **drive off** / **ride off** / **go off** (similar to **walk away** / **run away** etc.)

- ☐ Anna got on her bike and **rode off**.
- ☐ Mark left home at the age of eighteen and **went off** to Canada.

set off = *start a journey*

- ☐ We **set off** early to avoid the traffic. (= We left early)

take off = *leave the ground (for planes)*

- ☐ After a long delay, the plane finally **took off**.

see somebody **off** = *go with them to the airport/station to say goodbye*

- ☐ Helen was going away. We went to the station with her to **see her off**.

Exercises

140.1 Complete the sentences using **put on** + the following:

some music the heating the kettle ~~the light~~ the oven

- 1 It was getting dark, so I put the light on.
- 2 It was getting cold, so I
- 3 I wanted to bake a cake, so I
- 4 I wanted to make some tea, so I
- 5 I wanted to relax, so I

140.2 Complete the sentences. Use a verb + **on** or **off**.

- 1 It was hot in the cinema, so I took off my jacket.
- 2 What are all these people doing? What's
- 3 The weather was too bad for the plane to, so the flight was delayed.
- 4 Rachel got into her car and at high speed.
- 5 Tim is too thin. He needs to weight.
- 6 We spent the whole day walking. We at 8 am and walked for ten hours.
- 7 Don't until tomorrow what you can do today.
- 8 They've changed their minds about getting married. The wedding has been
- 9 Are you cold? Shall I get you a sweater to
- 10 I some jeans in the shop, but they were too tight.
- 11 When I go away, I prefer to be alone at the station or airport. I don't like it when people come to me
- 12 I need to make an appointment to see the dentist, but I keep it

140.3 Look at the pictures and complete the sentences.



Her hands were cold, so she put her gloves on.



The plane at 10:55.



Maria, but it was too big for her.



The match because of the weather.



Mark's parents went to the airport to



He took his sunglasses out of his pocket and