

A Compare **up** and **down**:**put** something **up** (on a wall etc.)

- ☐ I **put** a picture **up** on the wall.

**pick** something **up**

- ☐ There was a letter on the floor. I **picked** it **up** and looked at it.

**stand up**

- ☐ Alan **stood up** and walked out.

**turn** something **up**

- ☐ I can't hear the TV. Can you **turn** it **up** a bit?

**take** something **down** (from a wall etc.)

- ☐ I didn't like the picture, so I **took** it **down**.

**put** something **down**

- ☐ I stopped writing and **put down** my pen.

**sit down / bend down / lie down**

- ☐ I **bent down** to tie my shoelace.

**turn** something **down**

- ☐ The oven is too hot. **Turn** it **down** to 150 degrees.

B **knock down, cut down** etc.**knock down** a building / **blow** something **down** / **cut** something **down** etc.

- ☐ Some old houses were **knocked down** to make way for the new shopping centre.  
☐ Why did you **cut down** the tree in your garden?

be **knocked down** (by a car etc.)

- ☐ A man was **knocked down** by a car and taken to hospital.

**burn down** = *be destroyed by fire*

- ☐ They were able to put out the fire before the house **burnt down**.

C **down** = getting less**slow down** = *go more slowly*

- ☐ You're driving too fast. **Slow down**.

**calm** (somebody) **down** = *become calmer, make somebody calmer*

- ☐ **Calm down**. There's no point in getting angry.

**cut down** (on something) = *eat, drink or do something less often*

- ☐ I'm trying to **cut down on** coffee. I drink too much of it.

D Other verbs + **down****break down** = *stop working (for machines, cars, relationships etc.)*

- ☐ The car **broke down** and I had to phone for help.  
☐ Their marriage **broke down** after only a few months.

**close down / shut down** = *stop doing business*

- ☐ There used to be a shop at the end of the street. It **closed down** a few years ago.

**let** somebody **down** = *disappoint them because you didn't do what they hoped*

- ☐ You can always rely on Paul. He'll never **let** you **down**.

**turn** somebody/something **down** = *refuse an application, an offer etc.*

- ☐ I applied for several jobs, but I was **turned down** for all of them.  
☐ Rachel was offered the job, but she decided to **turn** it **down**.

**write** something **down** = *write something on paper because you may need the information later*

- ☐ I can't remember Ben's address. I **wrote** it **down**, but I can't find it.

## Exercises

142.1 Complete the sentences. Use a verb + **up** or **down**.

- 1 There used to be a tree next to the house, but we cut it down.
- 2 There used to be some shelves on the wall, but I .....
- 3 The ceiling was so low, he couldn't ..... straight.
- 4 She couldn't hear the radio very well, so she .....
- 5 While they were waiting for the bus, they ..... on the ground.
- 6 A few trees ..... in the storm last week.
- 7 We've got some new curtains, but we haven't ..... yet.
- 8 Lisa dropped her keys, so she ..... and .....

142.2 Complete the sentences. Use a verb (in the correct form) + **down**. Choose from:

calm    cut    let    take    turn    write

- 1 I don't like this picture on the wall. I'm going to take it down.
- 2 The music was too loud, so I .....
- 3 David was very angry. I tried to .....
- 4 I promised I would help Anna. I don't want to .....
- 5 I've forgotten my password. I should have .....
- 6 Those trees are beautiful. Please don't .....

142.3 Complete the sentences. Use a verb + **down**.

- 1 I stopped writing and put down my pen.
- 2 I was really angry. It took me a long time to .....
- 3 The train ..... as it approached the station.
- 4 Sarah applied to study medicine at university, but she .....
- 5 Our car is very reliable. It has never .....
- 6 I spend too much money. I'm going to ..... on things I don't need.
- 7 I didn't play well. I felt that I had ..... the other players in the team.
- 8 The shop ..... because it was losing money.
- 9 It's a very ugly building. Many people would like it to .....
- 10 I can't understand why you ..... the chance of working in another country for a year. It would have been a great experience for you.
- 11 I didn't see the accident. Someone told me that a boy ..... as he was crossing the road.
- 12 Peter got married when he was 20, but unfortunately the marriage ..... a few years later.