

A Compare **away** and **back**:**away** = away from home

- ☐ We're **going away** on holiday today.

away = away from a place, a person etc.

- ☐ Sarah got into her car, started the engine and **drove away**.
- ☐ I tried to take a picture of the bird, but it **flew away**.
- ☐ I dropped the ticket, and it **blew away** in the wind.
- ☐ The police searched the house and **took away** a computer.

In the same way you can say:

walk away, run away, look away etc.**back** = back home

- ☐ We'll **be back** in three weeks.

back = back to a place, a person etc.

- ☐ A: I'm going out now.
B: What time will you **be back**?
- ☐ After eating at a restaurant, we **walked back** to our hotel.
- ☐ I've still got Jane's keys. I forgot to **give** them **back** to her.
- ☐ When you've finished with that book, can you **put it back** on the shelf?

In the same way you can say:

go back, come back, get back, take something **back** etc.B Other verbs + **away****get away** = *escape, leave with difficulty*

- ☐ We tried to catch the thief, but she **got away**.

get away with something = *do something wrong without being caught*

- ☐ I parked in a no-parking zone, but I **got away with** it. I didn't have to pay a fine.

keep away (from ...) = *don't go near*

- ☐ **Keep away from** the edge of the pool. You might fall in.

give something **away** = *give it to somebody else because you don't want it any more*

- ☐ 'Did you sell your bike?' 'No, I **gave it away to a friend**.'

put something **away** = *put it in the place where it is usually kept*

- ☐ When the children finished playing with their toys, they **put them away**.

throw something **away** = *put it in the rubbish*

- ☐ I kept the letter, but I **threw away** the envelope.

C Other verbs + **back****wave back / smile back / shout back / hit** somebody **back**

- ☐ I waved to her, and she **waved back**.

call/phone/ring (somebody) **back** = *return a phone call*

- ☐ I can't talk to you now. I'll **call you back** in ten minutes.

get back to somebody = *reply to them by phone etc.*

- ☐ I sent him an email, but he never **got back to** me.

look back (on something) = *think about what happened in the past*





- ☐ My first job was in a travel agency. I didn't like it much at the time but, **looking back on** it, I learnt a lot and it was a useful experience.

pay back money, **pay** somebody **back**

- ☐ If you borrow money, you have to **pay it back**.
- ☐ Thanks for lending me the money. I'll **pay you back** next week.

Exercises

145.1 Look at the pictures and complete the sentences.

<p>1</p>  <p>She waved to him and he <u>waved back</u>.</p>	<p>2</p>  <p>It was windy. I dropped a £20 note and it</p>	<p>3</p>  <p>She opened the letter, read it and in the envelope.</p>
<p>4</p>  <p>He tried to talk to her, but she just</p>	<p>5</p>  <p>Ellie threw the ball to Ben and he</p>	<p>6</p>  <p>His shoes were worn out, so he</p>

145.2 Complete the sentences. Use a verb + away or back.

- I was away all day yesterday. I got back very late.
- I haven't seen our neighbours for a while. I think they must
- 'I'm going out now.' 'OK. What time will you?'
- I saw a man trying to break into a car. When he saw me, he
- If you cheat in the exam, you might with it or you might get caught.
- Be careful! That's an electric fence. Make sure you from it.
- He wasn't very friendly. I smiled at him, but he didn't

145.3 Complete the sentences. Use only one word each time.

- The woman got into her car, started the engine and drove away.
- This box could be useful, so I won't it away.
- Jane doesn't do anything at work. I don't know how she away with it.
- I'm going out now. I'll back in about an hour.
- You should think more about the future. Don't back all the time.
- Gary is very generous. He won some money in the lottery and it all away.
- I'll back to you as soon as I have the information you need.
- I washed the dishes, dried them and them away.

145.4 Complete the sentences. Use the verb in brackets + away or back.

- A: Do you still have my keys?
B: No. Don't you remember? I gave them back to you yesterday. (give)
- A: Do you want this magazine?
B: No, I've finished with it. You can (throw)
- A: How are your new jeans? Do they fit you OK?
B: No, they're too tight. I'm going to to the shop. (take)
- A: Here's the money you asked me to lend you.
B: Thanks. I'll as soon as I can. (pay)
- A: What happened to all the books you used to have?
B: I didn't want them any more, so I (give)
- A: Did you phone Sarah?
B: Yes, I left a message for her, but she hasn't (call)