

Lesson 50: Taking out a burger

Hi! How are you today?

Today's lesson is about "**Taking out a burger**".

Have fun learning English!

Warm-up | Useful Expressions

Directions: Listen and repeat.

Vocabulary

- **Take out** - To take cooked food usually from a restaurant or shop to be eaten elsewhere (American English).
- **Take away** - To take cooked food usually from a restaurant or shop to be eaten elsewhere (British English).
- **Take-out/takeout** - Noun referring to food that can be taken out to eat in another place; a place that is cooking food for a sole purpose of selling it as a take-out.
- **Astonishing** - Amazing

Expressions

- **Go for something** - Try something out, choose something.
- **Suits me just fine** - It's fine for me.
- **Suits me well** - It's fine for me.
- **Shady character** - A suspicious person.
- **It's beyond me** - I can't understand it.
- **can't make head nor tail of something** - Unable to understand.

Activity 1 | Dialogue

Directions: Read the dialogue aloud with your teacher.

Will and Tina are talking about their lunch break.

Will: Hey Tina, why don't we have a lunch break?

Tina: Sounds good. What kind of food would you like today? We can go to the park and have some!

Will: I would go for some fast food. I heard a new Kentucky Fried Chicken restaurant opened at the corner of Rose Street.

Tina: **Suits me just fine.**

(Will and Tina are at KFC)

Will: Hello, I want to order a burger and a small portion of French fries, a can of Cola as well and all of it to **take out**.

Tina: I will go for a double burger to **take away**.

Will: Interesting, so you use British English today, huh?

Tina: What do you mean? Oh, now that you asked me, I remember, once, on my trip to New York I was buying some food to take away and the waiter looked at me as if I were **a shady character** and asked me to repeat, and after that he asked me if I wanted to take the food out. Why is that? Can't I use "take away"? Am I doing something wrong?

Will: You can use take away, however, in the U.S. they use the expression "to take out". I don't know if you know but between British and American English there are some differences. For example, some words are written in different manner, such as "color".

Tina: I know that, it is nothing new for me. In British English we write them with “ou”, but in American English it is only “o”, right?

Will: Yes. So they have other differences as well. Some of them **are beyond me**, but I guess “take out” is more universal way for food, as take away might also mean to reduce or throw away in some situations...

Tina: Yeah, **I also can't make head nor tail of** these rules. Ok, so if I go to United Kingdom, I can surely use “take away”, but if I visit the U.S., then I need to use “take out”. English language is surely interesting.

Check your understanding: Answer the following questions.

1. Why did Will and Tina start talking about language differences?
2. What did Will and Tina say about understanding the rules of English?
3. Which of these two expressions (**take away** and **take out**) is Tina's favorite?
4. What did Will and Tina order at KFC?

Activity 2 | Discussion

Directions: Read the following food idioms and sayings with your teacher. Try to guess their meanings and share your thoughts about them.

- **A piece of cake.**
- **Bring home the bacon.**
- **That's the way the cookie crumbles.**
- **You can't make an omelette without breaking eggs.**
- **There's no use crying over spilled milk.**

Activity 3 | Free Conversation

Directions: Take turns with your teacher in answering the questions

1. Have you ever tried to take out some food using English? Which word did you use and how did it go?
2. Do you usually use American or British English? Why?
3. Do you often take out food? On what occasion?
4. In your opinion what are the pros and cons of taking food out?
5. What kind of food are you more likely to take out: fast food or some expensive food? Why?