

English Grammar: 'to bring' vs 'to take'

1) to bring

If the person who you are talking to is (or will be) at the destination, then we use 'bring'. It is often associated with the verb 'come'.

Examples:

- Please **bring** a bottle to my party on Saturday. (*I will be there*)
- Next class, **bring** a pen. (*I will be there*)
- Would you like me to **bring** some food? (*the other person will be there*)
- Every day I **bring** my son home from school. (*I am at home now*)

2) to take

If the person who you are talking to is **not** (or won't be) at the destination, then we use 'take'. It is often associated with the verb 'go'.

Examples:

- I will **take** a bottle to the party on Saturday. (*the other person will **not** be there*)
- Next class, I have to **take** a pen. (*the other person will **not** be there*)
- You should **take** some food with you. (*the other person will **not** be there*)
- Every day I **take** my son to school. (*I am **not** at the school now*)

Exercise. Complete with 'bring' or 'take'. Conjugate if necessary.

1. When I go to work I always _____ two pens with me. (*You are at home now*)
2. When you move to Paris, you should _____ Jennifer with you. (*You are in London now*)
3. Darling, please _____ my slippers to me, my feet are cold.
4. Teacher: "George, _____ your homework to me, now!"
5. When you go to town, _____ an umbrella with you – it will rain!
6. My son always _____ a present for me when he comes home from abroad.