

# 103 Confusing verbs

Karel –  
The delivery men are **bringing** the new fridge at 11. Make sure they **take** the old one with them!  
Jenny



## 1 bring/come or take/go

**bring/come** (movement towards or with the speaker)

Will you **bring** your camera? (when you come here)  
Are you **coming** to the cinema tonight? (= Are you coming with me?)

**take/go** (movement away from or without the speaker)

Will you **take** your camera? (when you go away on holiday)  
Are you **going** to the cinema tonight? (= I'm not going.)

## 2 live or stay

We use *live* to talk about permanent situations or long periods of time:  
*Most British people live in towns. I've lived in Cape Town since 2002.*

We use *stay* for temporary situations:

*We went to Holland on holiday and stayed in Amsterdam. How long are you staying here?*  
*stay + with/in/at* ► Unit 101.1

## 3 do the cooking/cleaning, go swimming/dancing, etc.

We use *do + the + -ing* for some activities, usually jobs around the house.  
We use *go + -ing* for activities that we enjoy, usually sports or leisure:

**do the** cleaning, washing, cooking, gardening, etc.

**go** swimming, dancing, skiing, camping, riding, hiking, etc.

We can use *do* or *go* with *shopping*:

*Have you done the shopping yet?* (for food)

*We're going shopping this afternoon.* (for food or other things, e.g. clothes)

! ~~*I want to do camping this summer.*~~ ✓ *I want to go camping this summer.*

## 4 get

We often use *get*:

to mean  
*buy, bring, or receive*

*Can you get some coffee?* (buy)  
*I'll get the dictionary for you.* (bring)  
*Did you get a letter from the bank?* (receive)

to mean *become*

*The weather's getting hotter.*  
*I hope you get better/well soon.* (become well again after an illness)

in common phrases, e.g.  
*get married, get dressed, get wet, get lost*

*They got married last April.*  
*Take an umbrella or you'll get wet.*

to talk about going or arriving somewhere

*How do you get to the airport from here?*  
*What time do you usually get home?*

Phrasal verbs with *get*, e.g. *get up* ► Unit 102.3