

## A

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

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

**away** = away from a place, a person etc.

- The woman 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 managed to **get 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 old computer?' 'No, I **gave it away**.'

**put** something **away** = *put it in the place where it is kept, usually out of sight*

- When the children had 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 / write 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 very much at the time but, **looking back on** it, I learnt a lot and it was a very 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.

**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 twenty-pound note and it .....</p>	<p>3 </p> <p>SUE</p> <p>Sue 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 BEN</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 ..... ?'
- A man was trying to break into a car. When he saw me, he .....
- I smiled at him, but he didn't .....
- If you cheat in the exam, you might ..... with it. But you might get caught.
- Be careful! That's an electric fence. .... from it.

**145.3** Complete the sentences using a verb in the correct form.

- The woman got into her car, started the engine and drove away.
- Here's the money you need. .... me back when you can.
- Don't ..... that box away. It could be useful.
- 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.

**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, 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: She wasn't there. I left a message asking her to ..... (call)