

Bring
vs
Take



location

**When you are
speaking,
ask people to
bring you
something**

(towards the speaker).

bring vs take



**Mr. Smith, please
 me the
entire cake!**

bring



**Mr. Smith, please
bring me the
entire cake!**

location

**When you are
speaking,
ask people to
take something
away
(away from the speaker).■**

bring vs take



**Mr. Smith, please
 that
smelly shoe
away!**

take



**Mr. Smith, please
take that
smelly shoe
away!**

bring vs take

deal with direction

Bring is *towards*
someone/something



while **take** is *away* from
someone/something.

bring vs take



**I am thirsty,
please _____
me water.**

bring



**I am thirsty,
please bring
me water.**

bring vs take



You can
 the
bottle away.

take



**You can
take the
bottle away.**

location

Bring things* *here*

and

Take things *there...*



*** things or people**

bring vs take



**Did you forget to
 the
garbage out?**

take



**Did you forget to
take the garbage
out?**

bring vs take



I am home
waiting for you
to
me fast food.

bring



**I am home
waiting for you
to bring
me fast food.**

bring vs take



Let's order -out food.

take



Let's order
take-out
food.

bring vs take



**Yuck, that is
gross...**

it away!

take



**Yuck, that is
gross...
take it away!**

bring vs take



**We should never
 more
than needed.**

take



**We should never
take more
than needed.**

bring vs **take**

**You ask people to
bring (towards)
things to you,
and you take (away)
things to/for
other people.**

bring vs take



**Will you _____
my goldfish for
a walk?**

take



Will you **take
my goldfish for
a walk?**

**Now, for some
questions that
get a little
tougher.**



bring vs take



The waiter will

the bill.

bring



**The waiter will
bring*
the bill.**

** I have never heard someone say
"The waiter will **take** the bill."*

bring vs take



**Yes, you can
bring a friend
to my party!**

bring



**Yes, you can
bring a friend
to my party!**

bring vs take



**After the party,
you can
bring home
the leftovers.**

take



**After the party,
you can
take home
the leftovers.**

bring vs take



I will pizza,
and you can
 home
the leftovers.

bring

take



**I will bring pizza,
and you can
take home
the leftovers.**

bring vs take



**The alien said,
" me
to your leader."**

Take



The alien said,
"Take me
to your leader."

bring vs take



Don't forget to

your keys!

take



**Don't forget to
take
your keys!**

*Who is the
speaker?*



bring vs take



**Who said,
" your
suit to the
cleaners."?**

Bring Take

If the person next to you said that, then the answer is *take*.

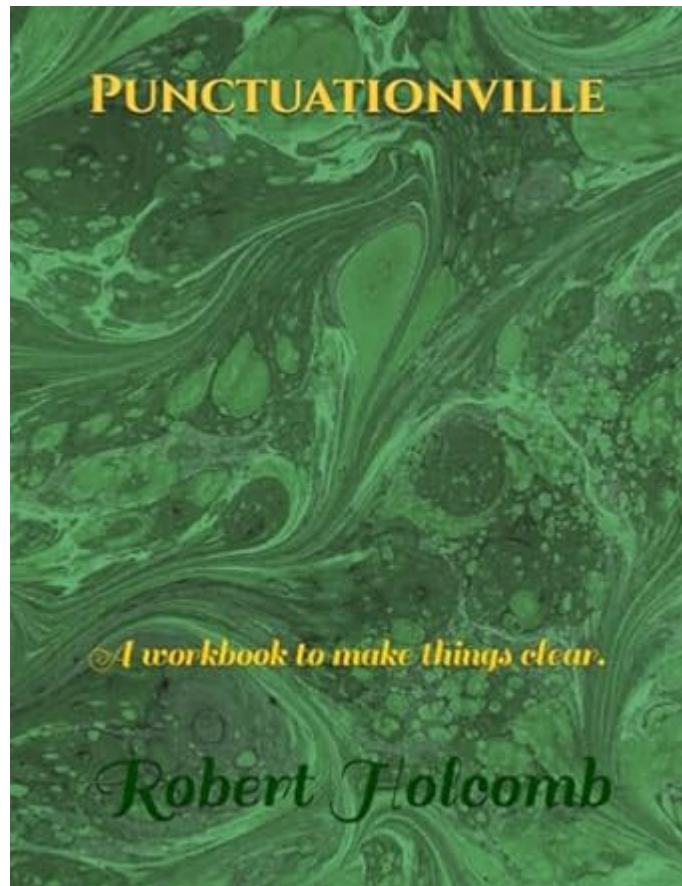
If a man from the cleaners called, then the answer is *bring*.

Who said,
"**Bring/Take** your
suit to the
cleaners."?

*When the speaker
is NOT associated
with the location,
it gets a bit tricky.*



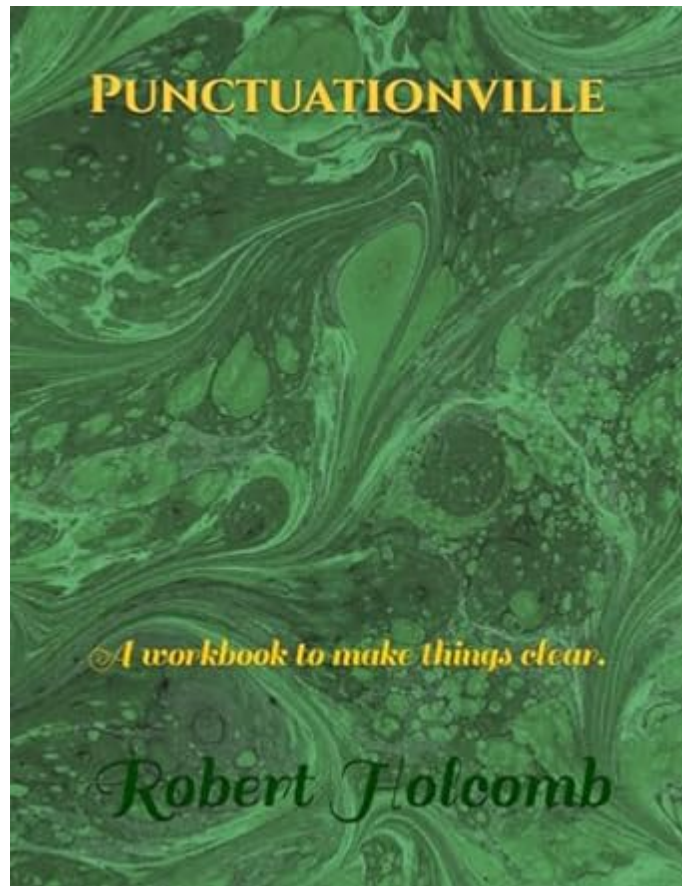
bring vs take



**Someone doesn't
want you to forget
to home the
punctuation book.**

bring

take



**Someone doesn't
want you to forget
to **bring/take** home
the punctuation book.**

bring vs take

Bring (come) usually means **towards**
the speaker
(please **bring** me a cup of tea).



Take (go) usually means **away**
from the speaker
(You can **take** away the cup).

These "rules" get blurry when the
movement is not associated
with the speaker
or a situation is imaginary.

Some countries (Ireland) have different rules.

bring vs take

Taken from Merriam Webster Online dictionary:

**I'm going to take this dictionary to my favorite pub
—they should have one at the bar.**

OR:

**I'm going to bring this dictionary to my favorite
pub—they should have one at the bar.**

**Either of those is likely to come from the mouth of
a native speaker interested in dictionary access at
pubs. But is one correct?**

**The people who feel strongly about bring and take
will tell you with some vehemence that, yes, the
first is correct and the second is not. They will tell
you that bring implies movement toward the
speaker, while take implies movement away. If the
destination of the dictionary is a pub where I
currently am not, I can only take the dictionary
there; I cannot bring it.**

