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Phrases with “take”:

Take action, take steps = act decisively

- UW leaders **took action** last week to stop students from having parties.
- UW is **taking steps** to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

Take the pulse = ask what people think

- Managers sent employees a survey to **take the pulse** of the department.

Take care = be careful

- We all need to **take care** of our health.

Take it easy = relax

- Try to **take it easy** and not worry too much!

Phrases for Conversation:

Use these phrases to ask people for their opinions:

- **What do you think about** the new safety rules?
- **What’s your view of** the changes to campus?
- **Where do you stand on** drunk driving laws?
- **What’s your reaction to** the leader’s speech?
- **I’d like to hear what you think about** the education system.

- Adapted from **Perfect Phrases for ESL Conversation Skills** by Diane Englehardt

Learn more:

Here is a website for English grammar and vocabulary lessons:

<https://www.englishpage.com/>



For Fun:

Like music? Watch this short video of a brass band playing outside in St. Louis neighborhoods:

www.youtube.com/watch?v=YNbwr-Axla0



Sayings about expressing opinions:

- Say “**great minds think alike!**” when you have the same ideas or opinions as someone else.
- Say “**walls have ears**” when you want to warn someone to be careful talking about their personal opinions in an area that is not private and where others may be listening.