

A On and off for lights, machines etc.

We say: the light is **on** / **put** the light **on** / **leave** the light **on** etc.
turn the light **on/off** or **switch** the light **on/off**

- Shall I **leave** the lights **on** or **turn** them **off**?
- 'Is the heating **on**?' 'No, I **switched** it **off**.'
- We need some boiling water, so I'll **put** the kettle **on**.

Also **put on** some music / a CD / a video etc.

- I haven't listened to this CD yet. Shall I **put** it **on**?

B On and off for events etc.

go on = *happen*

- What's all that noise? What's **going on**? (= what's happening)

call something off = *cancel it*

- The open air concert had to be **called off** because of the weather.

put something off, **put off** doing something = *delay it*

- The wedding has been **put off** until January.
- We can't **put off** making a decision. We have to decide now.

C On and off for clothes etc.

put on clothes, glasses, make-up, a seat belt etc.

- My hands were cold, so I **put** my gloves **on**.

Also **put on** weight = *get heavier*

- I've **put on** two kilograms in the last month.

try on clothes (to see if they fit)

- I **tried on** a jacket in the shop, but it didn't fit me very well.

take off clothes, glasses etc.

- It was warm, so I **took off** my jacket.

D Off = away from a person or place

be off (to a place)

- Tomorrow I'm **off** to Paris / I'm **off** on holiday.
(= I'm going to Paris / I'm going on holiday)

walk off / **run off** / **drive off** / **ride off** / **go off** (similar to **walk away** / **run away** etc.)

- Diane got on her bike and **rode off**.
- Mark left home at the age of eighteen and **went off** to Canada.

set off = *start a journey*

- We **set off** very early to avoid the traffic. (= We left early)

take off = *leave the ground (for planes)*

- After a long delay the plane finally **took off**.

see somebody off = *go with them to the airport/station to say goodbye*

- Helen was going away. We went to the station with her to **see her off**.

140.1 Complete the sentences using **put on** + the following:


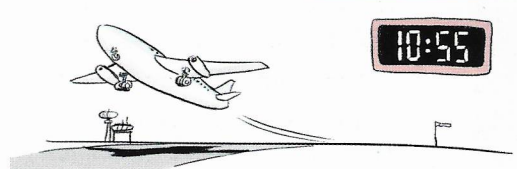

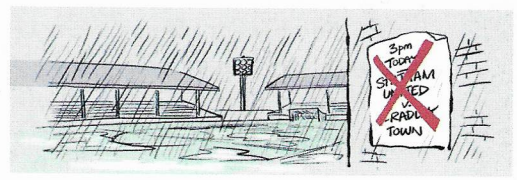

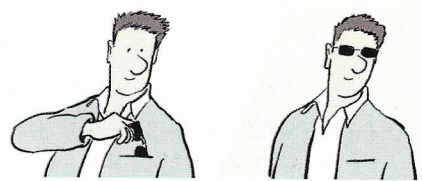
a CD the heating the kettle ~~the light~~ the oven

- 1 It was getting dark, so I put the light on
- 2 It was getting cold, so I
- 3 I wanted to bake a cake, so I
- 4 I wanted to make some tea, so I
- 5 I wanted to listen to some music, so I

140.2 Complete the sentences. Each time use a verb + **on** or **off**.

- 1 It was warm, so I took off my jacket.
- 2 What are all these people doing? What's
- 3 The weather was too bad for the plane to, so the flight was delayed.
- 4 I didn't want to be disturbed, so I my mobile phone.
- 5 Rachel got into her car and at high speed.
- 6 Tim has weight since I last saw him. He used to be quite thin.
- 7 A: What time are you leaving tomorrow?
B: I'm not sure yet, but I'd like to as early as possible.
- 8 Don't until tomorrow what you can do today.
- 9 There was going to be a strike by bus drivers, but now they have been offered more money and the strike has been
- 10 Are you cold? Shall I get you a sweater to
- 11 When I go away, I prefer to be alone at the station or airport. I don't like it when people come to me

140.3 Look at the pictures and complete the sentences.

<p>1</p>  <p>Her hands were cold, so she <u>put her gloves on</u></p>	<p>2</p>  <p>The plane at 10.55.</p>
<p>3</p>  <p>Maria, but it was too big for her.</p>	<p>4</p>  <p>The match because of the weather.</p>
<p>5</p>  <p>Mark's parents went to the airport to</p>	<p>6</p>  <p>He took his sunglasses out of his pocket and</p>