**16 bring something up**

**Study**  Read these sentences carefully.

- She didn't **bring up** the subject of money immediately.
- Every time I **bring** the matter **up**, he changes the subject.
- I'm going to **bring** it **up** with my manager at our next meeting.
- Some interesting questions were **brought up** at the conference.

**Check**

Use the sentences in the Study box to help you do these exercises.

**MEANING**

What is the best explanation of this meaning of **bring something up**?

a  to start talking about something  
b  to invent something  
c  to lift something

**GRAMMAR**

Which of these are grammatically possible?

a  He brought it up at the meeting.  
b  He brought the subject up at the meeting.  
c  He brought up it at the meeting.  
d  The subject wasn't brought up at the meeting.

→ Now check your answers in the key.

**Practise**

Complete the following sentences using a form of **bring something up** in each and a pronoun (it) where necessary.

a  I think we all need to discuss this.  
   **OK. Can you** _________________ **at the next meeting?**

b  I don't think I'll finish the work by the deadline.  
   **You'd better** _________________ **with your manager.**

c  Have you discussed money with them?
   **No. I haven't** _________________ **yet.**

d  I'm not happy with our current supplier.  
   **Why didn't you** _________________ **earlier?**

e  Did she mention overtime pay at the meeting?
   **That was the first topic that** _________________

→ Now check your answers in the key.

**Build your vocabulary**

**SYNONYMS**  **Raise something** means the same but is more formal:

- Anna **raised** this subject at the meeting.

**SIMILAR VERBS**  **Come up** means ‘to appear’ or ‘to be mentioned’ and does not have an object. It is used with similar words to **bring something up**, for example an **issue**, a **point**, **matter** or **subject** can **come up**:

- **This issue came up** at our last meeting.