take something over

Study  Read these sentences carefully.
- They have made an informal offer to take over the airline.
- The government took the electricity company over as part of its nationalization plan.
- The company was making huge losses when we took it over.
- Analysts think that the electronics group will be taken over by a rival.

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

MEANING
Choose the best meaning of this use of take over:
- a to sell a company
- b to invest in a company
- c to gain control of a company
- d to take money from a company

GRAMMAR
There is a grammatical mistake in one of these sentences. Find it and correct it.
- a They took over the company.
- b They took the company over.
- c They will over take the company.
- d The company has been taken over.
- e We are going to take it over.

→ Now check your answers in the key.

Practise
1 Match the two halves to make complete sentences.
   a The telecoms company was  
   b A record production company  
   c The giant textile group has  
   d Only one electricity company can  
   i took the retail stores over.  
   ii taken over its nearest rival.  
   iii take over a bigger share of the power market.  
   iv taken over by a private operator.

2 Complete each of these sentences with the correct form of take over.
   a Several companies are bidding to ______________ the food retailer.
   b Did you know that an American group is ______________ the local car maker?
   c The football club will be ______________ by the finance company at the end of this month.
   d Analysts believe that the group could be ______________ at less than 190¢ a share.
   e The business was already highly profitable when Blake Ltd ______________ it ______________.

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Build your vocabulary

RELATED WORDS  NOUN: a takeover (This is a countable and an uncountable noun.)
- More than 400 jobs were lost as a result of the takeover.
- Sony was the target of a takeover bid by CBS records.