

Give up



Give in

To stop trying to do something because you are not having success doing it:

- I still haven't found a job, but I'm not giving up yet.
- We spent all day looking for the dog, but we gave up when it got dark.

Give up is often followed by a verb in its present participle (-ing) form:

- When nightfall came, we gave up looking for the lost dog.
- I've given up trying to reason with you.

Give up can also mean to stop doing something that you have been doing for a period of time.

- Her doctor advised her to give up smoking
- He gave up basketball in order to focus on his musical career.

To finally agree to what someone wants, after refusing for a period of time:

- He nagged me so much for a new bike that eventually I gave in.
- Arthritis has made it difficult for Walter to keep doing his job, but he won't give in and retire.

to accept that you have been defeated and agree to stop competing or fighting:

- I give in; it's just too difficult.
- You'll never guess the answer - do you give in?
- She wouldn't give in until she received a full apology.

The phrase is often followed by the preposition to:

- Kids must try hard to resist **giving in to** peer pressure.
- The authorities refused to **give in to** the hostage takers' demands.
- I don't think he will **give in to** your requests if you keep pestering him.