

## Forget vs. Leave

We use forget something and leave something differently.

Here are the important differences that English learners need to know:

### 1. Forget something

We use forget something to say that we accidentally left something behind. We don't say where.

- I've forgotten my phone - I'll have to go back home for it.
- He got wet because he forgot his waterproof jacket.

### 2. Leave something

We use leave something when we say where (at home, on the bus, etc.).

- I left my phone at home this morning and had to go back for it.  
I forgot my phone at home.
- I left my umbrella on the bus.  
I forgot my umbrella on the bus.

We also use leave something to say that it was intentional, i.e. it wasn't a mistake:

- I left those books in the office because they're too heavy to carry. I'll bring them home in the car next week.  
I forgot those books because they're too heavy.