

**Change the verb in these sentences to “get”.**

Example: I am frequently lost. Change to: I frequently get lost.

1. When are you going to have the roof repaired?
2. I think you should have your hair cut short.
3. I was able to watch TV at Jim’s house. Nobody was hurt.
4. I am not often invited to parties.
5. I’m surprised she wasn’t offered the job.
6. I was married on Friday.
7. I was dressing when the doorbell rang.
8. Go change your clothes.

**Got it?**

One of the most frustrating things to learn are all the various uses of "GET". Get is used as a verb by itself with various meanings.

**GET can mean...**

1-To receive

Ex: I got a book for my birthday. I hope I get a doll from Mom. I am getting a bicycle for Christmas.

For my birthday this year, I hope to get \_\_\_\_\_.

2-To earn

Ex: I get \$7 an hour. I got more at my old job.

When I was young, I got \_\_\_\_\_ for doing chores.

3-To bring or fetch

Ex: Can you get that book for me? I got you a new book. Get your coat and follow me.

When I go to the store, I always get \_\_\_\_\_.

4-To understand

Ex: Do you get the idea? I got it!

Do you get our English lessons?

5-To catch or take

Ex: She got the 4:55 train from New York and made it to our house by 8. Should I get a cab at the airport?

Do you usually get a cab when you arrive at the airport?

6-To have a strong effect on

Ex: That film really got me. Scary films always get to me. It really gets me when Dad doesn’t return my calls. I get tears in my eyes when I hear the national anthem.

What kind of movies get to you?

7-To capture or seize

Ex: The police got him at the border. I got you!

8-To acquire or purchase

Ex: You can get a ticket at that window. I have gotten several things from that store.

Where do you get groceries?

9-To arrive

Ex: She got there on time. She should have gotten here by now.

Do you usually get to class early or late?

Sometimes we put “got” and “to” together to make “gotta”. EX: I gotta go, I’m late. I’ve gotta call my professor about the exam.

**Read these sentences and explain their meanings. Then create a new sentence using the underlined words.**

She couldn’t get into UT. Her grades weren’t good enough.

I tried to get in touch with her over the weekend.

Get to the point!

My son got into trouble again.

He’s getting around much better since they took his cast off.

In France, rail travel is the best way to get around.

What time does his plane get in?

My roommate and I are not getting along.

The tobacco companies got around the rule against advertising by sponsoring race cars.

I can’t believe they get away with that.

It’s getting colder.

I didn’t get around to asking her for her phone number.

You should return that coat and get your money back.

Get back! That bus is not going to stop.

**Match the sentences above with the ones below that mean the same thing.**

- 1.She didn’t get accepted.
- 2.I tried to contact her.
- 3.Tell me the important part.
- 4.When does it arrive?
- 5.We don’t like each other much.
- 6.They found a way to do it without breaking the rules.
- 7.Return your money.
- 8.Have time to ask her.
- 9.It is cooling off.

**Discuss in your groups:**

What kinds of things “get you down”?

Are you just barely “getting by”?

Are you “getting used to” living in Austin?

What kinds of things do you “get a kick out of”?

