

FUMC ESL 1-24-2019 High Intermediate Lesson

Phrasal verbs with “get”

- 1.If you “get it”, you understand it. EX: Oh, I get it. You multiply the top row by the bottom row and that gives you the answer.
- 2.If you “get around” you move or travel. EX: In the US it is hard to get around without a car. How do you get around in Austin?
- 3.If you “get something across” to someone, you make them understand. EX: I couldn’t get across to her that she had to switch buses downtown.
- 4.If you “get at” something, you succeed in reaching it. EX: The goats stood on the barrel to get at the tasty leaves.
- 5.If something “gets out”, it becomes known. EX: Word got out that Jill was dating the boy next door.
- 6.A “getaway” is a hurried escape. EX: The burglars made their getaway before the police arrived. They had a getaway car parked around the corner.
- 7.When things are “getting you down”, they are bothering you. EX: You look sad. Are things getting you down?
- 8.A “get together” is when people meet. EX: I’m having a get together at my house tomorrow. Can you come? Let’s get together for lunch tomorrow.
- 9.If you are “just getting by”, you are barely surviving financially. EX: Since she lost her job, the couple is just getting by.
- 10.Something that “takes some getting used to” is unpleasant at first, but with time gets less bothersome. EX: Raw oysters take some getting used to, but now I actually like them. Living in the U.S. took some getting used to, but it’s OK now. What did you have to “get used to” here in Austin?
11. There is an expression, “When the going gets tough, the tough get going.” What do you think this means?
12. Someone who “gets religion” suddenly becomes very religious. EX: Bill is no fun to go out with now. Since he got religion, he doesn’t want to drink or chase women.
13. Someone who is “getting on in years” is becoming old. EX: Old man Harris is getting on in years. He must be 80 by now. What age do you think is old?
14. If someone says, “Getting there is half the fun.”, they mean that the trip to get to a place is as much fun as being there. EX: We will stay at a mountain resort. Getting there is half the fun because the road is narrow and twisty with spectacular views. Describe a place you’ve been where getting there was half the fun.
15. If you “get back at someone” you get revenge. EX: My sister told our parents I snuck out last night. But I’ll get back at her. I’ll tell them she’s been secretly seeing a boy. Did you and your siblings ever fight? Did one of you get revenge?

Decide which of the phrasal verbs below fit in the sentences.

get on	get off	get up	get over	get out	get by
get back	get through	get along	get in	get out of	get away with

1. She told him to _____ the couch and go to the store.
2. He didn’t mind going to the store because he could _____ washing the dishes.
3. He _____ the bus and rode to the store.
4. When he _____ from the store, the dishes were done.
5. She told him she couldn’t _____ with all the housework without his help.

6. He hated housework, but he wanted to _____ with his sister.
7. He thought he could _____ with helping just a little.
8. He decided he could take a break from cleaning. He thought his sister wouldn't find out. He thought he could _____ watching TV for a while.
9. When his sister came in, he _____ and started sweeping.
10. His sister was so mad, she told him, " _____!"
11. She told him to stay away until she _____ with the housework.
12. He felt guilty. He swept the front porch and the driveway. He raked the leaves in the yard. When she saw all he did, she _____ being mad at him.

Discussion:

1. There is a saying, "Revenge is sweet." Do you agree? Does it feel good to "get back" at someone?
2. Is anything "getting you down" these days?
3. When you were little, was there anything you could "get away with"? In other words something you could do without getting in trouble.
4. My mother used to "get after" me for leaving my room messy. What did your parents "get after" you about? What do you get after your kids about.
5. If you "get ahead" you become successful. What is the best way to "get ahead"?