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The best revenge is to be
unlike him who performed the injury.
Marcus Aurelius, Roman Emperor

3A Don't get mad, get even

Phrases with *get*

1 EXPRESSIONS WITH *GET*

a Complete the sentences with the expressions in the list.

a shock hold of into trouble with out of the way rid of the chance
the impression the joke to know (my / your, etc.) own back on

1 I get *the impression* you're a bit annoyed with me.
2 You'll get _____ when you see him. He looks awful.
3 Since we stopped working together, we hardly ever get _____ to see each other.
4 Everyone else laughed, but I didn't get _____.
5 When you get _____ him, I think you'll really like him.
6 I need to speak to Martina urgently, but I just can't get _____ her.
7 I want to get _____ that awful painting, but I can't because it was a wedding present from my mother-in-law.
8 I'm going to get _____ my brother for telling my parents I got home late. Now I won't lend him my bike.
9 He's going to get _____ his wife if he's late again.
10 I tried to walk past him, but he wouldn't get _____.

b 2 4 Listen and check. What do the expressions mean?

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2 IDIOMS WITH *GET*

a Match sentences 1–10 to A–J.

1 *I* **Get real**!
2 **Get a life**!
3 I'm **not getting anywhere** with this crossword.
4 She really **gets on my nerves**.
5 She really needs to **get her act together**.
6 They **get on like a house on fire**.
7 You should **get a move on**.
8 Your grandfather must be **getting on** a bit.
9 My boyfriend just never **gets the message**.
10 She always **gets her own way**.

A It's just too difficult for me.
B Is he in his eighties now?
C They have exactly the same tastes and interests.
D Her exam is in two weeks and she hasn't even started studying.
E If you don't leave soon, you'll miss the train.
F Everything about her irritates me, her voice, her smile – everything!
G He just does whatever she tells him to.
H I keep dropping hints about us getting engaged, but he takes no notice.
I There's no way you can afford that car!
J You're 40 and you're still living with your parents!

b 2 5 Listen and check. What do the idioms mean?

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3 PHRASAL VERBS WITH *GET*

a Match the **bold** phrasal verbs to A–L.

1 J How often do you **get together with** your extended family?
2 ☐ How long do you think it usually takes people to **get over** a break-up?
3 ☐ How do you react if somebody interrupts you when you're trying to **get on with** some work?
4 ☐ Do you have any friends who you find it difficult to **get through to** in spite of trying to talk to them honestly?
5 ☐ What are the best subjects to study in your country if you want to **get into** politics?
6 ☐ What's the best way to **get around** your city, on foot or by public transport?
7 ☐ Have you ever cheated in an exam but **got away with** it?
8 ☐ What's the minimum amount of money you would need to **get by** if you were living alone in your town?
9 ☐ If you **get** a bit **behind** with your work or studies during the week, do you make up for it at the weekend?
10 ☐ Does bad weather ever **get you down**?
11 ☐ In your family, who is best at **getting out of** doing their share of the housework?
12 ☐ If you leave people a message, does it annoy you if they don't **get back to** you immediately?

A recover from
B start a career or profession
C move from place to place
D make sb understand
E manage with what you have
F fail to make enough progress
G depress you
H respond to sb by speaking or writing
I avoid a responsibility or obligation
J meet socially
K continue doing
L do sth wrong without getting caught

2 6 Listen and check.

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2 VOCABULARY phrases with *get*

a Match the sentence halves.

1 I'm going to get [i]
2 I'll call you back as soon as I get [ ]
3 I wanted to get [ ]
4 I can't get past. Can you get [ ]
5 When I went out, I got [ ]
6 The heating isn't working. Can you get [ ]
7 Max hit Stevie but Stevie got [ ]
8 My colleagues didn't trust me until they got [ ]
9 When I met up with my boss, I got [ ]

a his own back by kicking him.
b hold of someone in Maintenance?
c to know me better.
d out of the way, please?
e rid of my parents before my boyfriend arrived.
f the chance.
g a shock because my car wasn't on the drive.
h the impression she was angry with me.
~~i into trouble if I'm late again.~~

b Complete the idioms with these words.

act	anywhere	house	life
message	~~nerves~~	on	way

1 My sister gets on my *nerves*. She's always borrowing my clothes without asking me.
2 I've bought my boyfriend an electric shaver in the hope that he'll get the _____ about his beard.
3 Laura's parents don't know how to say no. She always gets her own _____.

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4 I'm not getting _____ with this essay. I don't know where to start.
5 My flatmate needs to get a _____. He hasn't got any friends and he never goes out.
6 My dad is getting _____ a bit now. He's nearly 80.
7 Luckily, my mum and my girlfriend have got on like a _____ on fire since they first met.
8 I really need to get my _____ together if I'm going to catch the plane. I haven't packed yet!

c Complete the sentences with the missing particle.

1 At last, my sister has got _*over*_ her ex-boyfriend and she's started going out again.
2 It's a tiny island so you can use bikes to get _____.
3 We got _____ with not doing the homework because the teacher forgot to take it in!
4 They've got really _____ with the project so they'll have to work late until they finish it.
5 Ryan is trying to get _____ of going on holiday with his in-laws by saying he's got too much work.
6 My gran has stopped reading all the bad news in the paper because she says it gets her _____.
7 Stop chatting to your friends and get _____ with your homework!
8 I've tried to explain to my girlfriend how I feel but I can't get _____ to her.
9 I can't get _____ on what I earn, so I'm looking for some extra work.
10 I got _____ to my friend as soon as I read her text message.

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3 LEXIS IN CONTEXT Blind Date

Look at the Lexis in Context on Student's Book p.26. Then complete the sentences.

1 You may as well be honest instead of **dr***essing* **u***p* the truth.
2 You can't **r**_____ **o**_____ the possibility that he may be seeing somebody else.
3 Pete's girlfriend has such a lovely smile that she can **w**_____ anybody **o**_____.
4 It's all very well apologizing, but who is going to **f**_____ the **b**_____ for the damage?
5 I've only got ten minutes, so we'll have to make this **sh**_____ and **sw**_____.
6 I'm going to the party because I don't want to **m**_____ **o**_____ on all the fun.
7 My husband is good at making promises, but he finds it hard to **f**_____ them **th**_____.
8 I can't **m**_____ **u**_____ my **m**_____ if I want to see him again.

4 GRAMMAR *get*

Rewrite the **bold** phrases using the correct form of *get*.

1 We **arrived at the theatre** too late to see the show.
got to the theatre
2 Can you **persuade Paul to look** at my computer?
_____
3 I'll never **become accustomed to** getting up at 5.30 in the morning.
_____
4 The afternoon shadows **lengthened** as the sun went down.
_____

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5 We're **having our kitchen repainted** next month.

_____

6 I can't **make the kids eat** their dinner.

_____

7 I hope **I'm not sent to** Manchester – I want to stay in London.

_____

8 Public transport in my town is **improving**.

_____

9 **They fired my boss** for stealing money.

_____

10 Could you possibly **ask Mike to** pick me up?

_____

5 LISTENING

a iChecker Listen to five speakers talking about memorable dates. Which speakers had successful dates? Which dates were unsuccessful?

b Listen again and mark the sentences **T** (true) or **F** (false).

1 Speaker 1 agreed to the date straight away.
2 Speaker 1 went out with someone who was desperately in love with her.
3 Speaker 2 was the victim of an accident during their memorable date.
4 The incident on Speaker 2's date ruined the relationship.
5 Speaker 3 enjoyed herself tremendously.
6 Speaker 3 decided it was best not to meet up again.
7 Speaker 4 organized the date spontaneously.
8 Speaker 4 and their partner often joke about their date.
9 Speaker 5 didn't have the same sense of humour as the person she went out with.
10 Speaker 5 was upset not to get a marriage proposal.

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6 READING

a Read the article once. Which act of revenge caused the most damage?

b Read the article again and match the headings A–H with the stories 1–6. There are two headings you do not need to use.

A That's what friends are for
B Dedicated to the profession
C Welcome home
D Kiss and tell
E Clean plate
F Total shutdown
G Silent witnesses
H His pride and joy

c Look at the highlighted phrasal verbs and idioms. What do you think they mean? Check in your dictionary.

Revenge is sweet

According to writer Claire Gillman, getting even is becoming increasingly popular as life gets more stressful. In her book *Revenge is Sweet* Claire reveals that men are much more the vengeful sex, except over romantic matters, when it is women who are most likely to take revenge. Here are some of her favourite tales from the book.

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1 ____
The wife of a radio DJ saw red when she heard her husband flirting with a glamorous model on air. She immediately posted an advert for his £30,000 Lotus Esprit Turbo sports car on eBay for 50p and sold the car within five minutes. Later, she told journalists that she didn't care about the money. 'I just wanted to get my own back,' she admitted.

2 ____
After a long-running dispute between neighbours, one of the parties went on holiday for two weeks in the summer. The other neighbour took advantage of their absence to put two pints of maggots through the neighbour's letter box. The family returned to a house full of flies.

3 ____
An 80-year-old woman was in front of a judge, charged with shoplifting. He asked her what she had stolen. 'A can of peaches,' replied the woman. 'How many peaches were in the can?' asked the judge. She replied that there were six. 'Then I'll give you six days in jail,' said the judge. Before he had time to speak further, the woman's husband added, 'She also stole a tin of peas.'

4 ____
Rude customers tend to drive staff in restaurants crazy. One chef confessed that after a customer had demanded that the sauce be removed from his burger, she licked the sauce off it with her tongue and then sent it back via the waiter.

5 ____
A computer technician was angered when his temporary position was terminated so he deliberately brought down five of eight network servers. All the data in the servers was deleted and none was recoverable. As a result, the company was forced to shut its New York office for two days and sustained losses of more than $100,000.

6 ____
A doctor was called out at 2 a.m. one night to visit a patient who lived some distance away. On his arrival, he discovered that it was, in fact, a non-urgent case, and the patient could perfectly well have waited until the next day to visit him in his surgery. Imagine the patient's surprise when the doctor popped by in the early hours of the following morning to check he was OK!

Glossary

pint a unit for measuring liquids. 1 pint = 0.568 litres
maggot a creature like a short worm which is the young form of a fly

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