

# get

## VOCABULARY BANK

### 1 EXPRESSIONS WITH GET

a Complete the sentences with an expression from the list.

get even      get a hold of      get in trouble      get out of the way      get rid of  
get the chance      get the impression      get the joke      get to know      get back at

- 1 I \_\_\_\_\_ you're a little annoyed with me. Have I done something wrong?
- 2 When Alice found out her sister broke her laptop, she decided to \_\_\_\_\_ and break her sister's cell phone.
- 3 Since we stopped working together we hardly ever \_\_\_\_\_ to see each other.
- 4 I didn't laugh because I didn't \_\_\_\_\_.
- 5 When you \_\_\_\_\_ him, I think you'll really like him.
- 6 I need to speak to Marina urgently, but I just can't \_\_\_\_\_ her.
- 7 I want to \_\_\_\_\_ that awful painting, but I can't because it was a wedding present from my mother-in-law.
- 8 I'm going to \_\_\_\_\_ my brother for telling my parents I got home late. Next time he asks to borrow my bike, I won't lend it to him.
- 9 He's going to \_\_\_\_\_ with his wife if she finds out that he's been emailing his ex-girlfriend.
- 10 I tried to walk past him, but he wouldn't \_\_\_\_\_. He just stood there, blocking my way.

b With a partner, say what you think the expressions mean.

### 2 IDIOMS WITH GET

a Match the sentence halves.

- 1 **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 along** really well.
- 7 When I bought this computer, I **got the short end of the stick**.
- 8 My boyfriend just never **gets the message**.
- 9 She always **gets her own way**.

- A It's just too difficult for me.
- B They seem to have exactly the same tastes and interests.
- C Her test is in two weeks and she hasn't even started studying.
- D I paid over \$2,000 for it, but it isn't even worth \$200.
- E Everything about her irritates me, her voice, her smile — everything!
- F He just does whatever she tells him to.
- G I keep dropping hints about his awful cooking but he pays no attention.
- H There's no way you can afford that car!
- I You're 40 and you're still living with your parents!

b With a partner, say what you think the idioms mean.

### 3 PHRASAL VERBS WITH GET

Match the phrasal verbs with their meanings.

- 1 Do you want to try to **get together** for dinner next weekend?
- 2 I hope my brother **gets over** his breakup soon. He's very depressed.
- 3 I've tried to talk about it, but I just can't **get through** to him.
- 4 How did you **get into** journalism?
- 5 The best way to **get around** the city is by taxi — they're very cheap here.
- 6 She's cheated on tests several times, but she always **gets away with** it.
- 7 My wife is out of work, so we'll just have to **get by** on less money.
- 8 She **gets ahead** by taking credit for other people's work.
- 9 This terrible weather is really **getting me down**.
- 10 I want to **get out of** going to Ann's party. Can you think of a good excuse?
- 11 Thanks for your email. I'll **get back to** you as soon as possible.

- A recover from
- B start a career or profession
- C move from place to place
- D make someone understand
- E manage with what you have
- F advance in work or society
- G depress
- H write or speak to sb again later
- I avoid a responsibility or obligation
- J meet socially
- K do something wrong without getting caught or punished

Can you remember the expressions on this page? Test yourself or a partner.



"Well, I've managed to get rid of the annoying double vision effect on your TV."