get

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.



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

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.

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