

100 Common expressions

A Expressions with get

Expression	Example	Meaning
get ready	We need to get ready now – the film starts at 6.30.	be prepared and able to do sth
get dressed	I got dressed , had breakfast, then went to work.	put on clothes
get to know sb	I got to know Charlie when we were at university.	meet sb and become friends
get changed (into sth different)	I've been for a long walk, so I'm going to get changed .	take your clothes off and put on different clothes
get in	What time does our train get in ?	arrive at a place
get to sleep	Do you have problems getting to sleep ?	start to sleep
go and get sth	Could you go and get a clean towel from the bathroom?	go to a place and return with sth SYN fetch
get back	I want to get back by 7.00, if possible.	return from a place
get better	I feel my English is getting better now.	reach a higher level, improve
get out of sth	Be careful when you get out of the car.	leave a vehicle such as a car or taxi
we/you get	We get a lot of tourists where I live.	= there are / you can see

1 Match 1–6 with a–g.

► get better

1 get in

2 get back

3 get to know somebody

4 go and get

5 get dressed

6 get changed

g

a put on clothes

b meet and become friends

c return

d arrive

e put on different clothes

f fetch

g reach a higher level ✓

2 Complete the sentences.

► I started learning the guitar last year, and I'm definitely getting better now.

1 Ed, could you _____ and get my laptop from the bedroom?

2 We all got _____ of the car and pushed it to the side of the road.

3 I'm meeting Sophia at the station. Her bus gets _____ at 3.15.

4 I left Amelia's flat at 10.00, but I didn't get _____ until 11.30.

5 We're going out in ten minutes, so we need to get _____.

6 You _____ a lot of people sleeping on the streets in big cities.

3 Complete the sentences.

► Do you get to know people easily?

1 Do you usually get _____ before or after you have breakfast?

2 When you go out, does it take you a long time to get _____?

3 When you get home from school/college/work, do you usually get _____ into different clothes?

4 Do you ever have problems getting to _____ at night?

5 Do you think your English is getting _____?

6 Do you _____ a lot of tourists in your town?

4 ABOUT YOU Write your own answers to Exercise 3, or talk to another student.

► Do you get to know people easily? Yes, I think so.



TEST YOURSELF

B In conversation

These expressions are common in informal spoken English.

Guess what! I passed the exam. I heard this morning.

Wow! Well done! That's great.

Yes, I can now relax for the rest of the week.

I don't feel like going to the beach.

But everyone else will be there.

I know, but I'm going to stay here and take care of the dog.

Are you going to the meeting on Friday?

I guess so.

Well, can you let me know by tomorrow?

Come on! We have to go.

What, now?

Yes, right now.

SPOTLIGHT else

You can use **else** to mean 'different' after words like **everyone**, **somewhere** and **nothing**.

- I didn't like it, but **everyone else** did. (= all the other people)
- The restaurant was full so we went **somewhere else**. (= to another place)
- We had bread because there was **nothing else** to eat. (= no other thing)

GLOSSARY

Guess what!	used for introducing surprising news
Wow!	a word that shows you are surprised and happy
Well done!	You say this to sb when you are happy because they have done sth well. SYN Congratulations!
the rest	the part that is left or remains: the rest of the day/time
feel like (doing) sth	want (to do) sth: I feel like a nice cold drink.
take care of sth/sb	do everything to make sth/sb safe: I can take care of the children while you go shopping. SYN look after sth/sb
I guess so	= I think so SYN I suppose so
let sb know	tell sb
Come on!	used for telling sb to hurry, be quick SYN hurry up!
right now	at this minute; immediately SYN right away

5 Find eight more expressions using words from each box.

somewhere ✓ let come hurry
the rest I guess well right

on! up so done
me know now of the time else ✓

▶ somewhere else

6 Complete the dialogues.

- ▶ We need to go right away or we'll be late. ~ Yes, let's go.
- 1 You had all the biscuits. ~ Sorry, there was _____ else to eat.
- 2 Do you feel _____ a drink? ~ Yes, let's go out.
- 3 Do we need to get ready now? ~ Yes, right _____, so _____ up!
- 4 _____ what? I came first in the English exam. ~ _____! Well _____!
- 5 Are you staying? ~ Yes, I'm going to look _____ the two girls.
- 6 Are you staying at Jon's? ~ Yes, I _____ so. I'll _____ you know at the weekend.
- 7 Why are you going back to the flat? ~ Because there's nowhere _____ to go.

7 Rewrite the sentences using the word in CAPITALS. The meaning must stay the same.

- ▶ We need to go right now. AWAY We need to go right away.
- 1 The bar was busy, so we went to another place. ELSE _____
- 2 Could you tell me later? LET _____
- 3 Who is going to look after the children? TAKE _____
- 4 Come on, Sacha! HURRY _____
- 5 Do you want to go out? FEEL _____
- 6 Penny is here. All the others went out. EVERYONE _____



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