

Expressions with *get*.

Task 1. DEFINITIONS Look at the expressions in **bold** in box A and choose a suitable definition for that expression in box B.

- _____ 1. I think Ben **got out** of bed on the wrong side this morning.
- _____ 2. We're planning a little **get-together** of people from the office.
- _____ 3. The manager began the meeting with a few comments and then **got down to brass tacks**.
- _____ 4. Jan and Richard **get on** like a house on fire.
- _____ 5. Rory and Jeannie are **getting married**? Get away with you!
- _____ 6. You'll **get the sack** if you talk to the boss like that.
- _____ 7. That **humming noise** is really getting on my nerves.
- _____ 8. He's **got a nerve** to ask for a day off.
- _____ 9. I rang the shops to try and find a new dishwasher, but **got nowhere**.
- _____ 10. When she asked him for money, he told her to **get lost**.

A. over-confidence or rudeness

B. to be very friendly with each other

C. to start the day badly

D. Go away. Leave me alone.

E. Don't try to make me believe that.

F. a meeting of friends

G. to be dismissed from a job.

H. to start discussing the real problem

I. to be unsuccessful

J. to annoy someone

1. OK everyone, we're a bit late so let's get going.

2. Got it!

3. Do you think he got my meaning?

4. Get a grip on yourself - you've got an interview in half an hour.

5. The president is having to get to grips with the failing economy.

6. If they don't get their act together, they'll miss the last date for entries to the competition.

7. How can I get him off my back?

8. If I don't get a rise soon, I'll start looking for another job.

9. I've got out of the habit of eating chocolates.

10. Rainy weather always gets me down.

A. to stop pestering someone

B. to understand.

C. not to do something any more

D. to start to deal with something

E. to start

F. to receive an increase in salary

G. to try to control yourself; to try to be less emotional

H. to make someone sad

I. to organise yourself properly

J. I've solved the problem

Task 2. COMPLETE THE SENTENCES. Complete these sentences with an expression from the previous section. You may need to change the verb form and the pronoun (e.g., he, she) in some of the sentences.

1. We're best friends. We _____.
2. I don't have much money. I hope I _____ soon.
3. 12 across. 10 letters beginning with a 'd'. A book which lists words. Aha! _____! A dictionary, of course!
4. Our boss is in a terrible mood. I think he must have _____.
5. I feel really unhappy in my job. It's really _____.
6. _____! I don't believe you've won the lottery!
7. I'm studying Japanese and I'm just beginning to _____ the grammar.
8. I'm having a little _____ at my place tonight. Would you like to join us?
9. You want me to lend you my car after you crashed it the last time I lent it to you? You've _____!
10. I was so angry with him I told him to _____.
11. We should _____ and talk about the real problems that are affecting the company.
12. Stop being so emotional. _____!
13. I told my boss I thought he was incompetent. A few days later, I _____. I still haven't found another job.
14. You really should _____ of smoking so much - it's very bad for you.
15. He told me that my music really _____.
16. We're _____ with this problem. Let's take a break and come back to it later on.

17. She's always following me around and telling me what to do. I wish she would _____.

18. The boss told me to _____ or I would lose my job.

29. I'm not sure they understood me. I hope they _____.

20. If we don't _____ soon, we'll miss the train.