

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

- I _____ you're a little annoyed with me. Have I done something wrong?
- When Alice found out her sister broke her laptop, she decided to _____ and break her sister's cell phone.
- Since we stopped working together we hardly ever _____ to see each other.
- I didn't laugh because I didn't _____.
- When you _____ him, I think you'll really like him.
- I need to speak to Marina urgently, but I just can't _____ her.
- I want to _____ that awful painting, but I can't because it was a wedding present from my mother-in-law.
- 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.
- He's going to _____ with his wife if she finds out that he's been emailing his ex-girlfriend.
- 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.

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| 1 Get real! | A It's just too difficult for me. |
| 2 Get a life! | B They seem to have exactly the same tastes and interests. |
| 3 I'm not getting anywhere with this crossword. | C Her test is in two weeks and she hasn't even started studying. |
| 4 She really gets on my nerves . | D I paid over \$2,000 for it, but it isn't even worth \$200. |
| 5 She really needs to get her act together . | E Everything about her irritates me, her voice, her smile — everything! |
| 6 They get along really well | F He just does whatever she tells him to. |
| 7 When I bought this computer, I got the short end of the stick . | G I keep dropping hints about his awful cooking but he pays no attention. |
| 8 My boyfriend just never gets the message . | H There's no way you can afford that car! |
| 9 She always gets her own way . | 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.

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| 1 Do you want to try to get together for dinner next weekend? | A recover from |
| 2 I hope my brother gets over his breakup soon. He's very depressed. | B start a career or profession |
| 3 I've tried to talk about it, but I just can't get through to him. | C move from place to place |
| 4 How did you get into journalism? | D make someone understand |
| 5 The best way to get around the city is by taxi — they're very cheap here. | E manage with what you have |
| 6 She's cheated on tests several times, but she always gets away with it . | F advance in work or society |
| 7 My wife is out of funds, so we'll just have to get by on less money. | G depress |
| 8 She gets ahead by taking credit for other people's work. | H write or speak to sb again later |
| 9 This terrible weather is really getting me down . | I avoid a responsibility or obligation |
| 10 I want to get out of going to Ann's party. Can you think of a good excuse? | J meet socially |
| 11 Thanks for your email. I'll get back to you as soon as possible. | 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."