

# Phrases with get

## VOCABULARY BANK

### 1 EXPRESSIONS WITH GET

a Complete the sentences with the expressions in the list.

a shock hold of into trouble with out of the way rid of the chance  
the impression the joke to know (my / your, etc.) own back on

- 1 I get the impression you're a bit annoyed with me.
- 2 You'll get into trouble when you see him. He looks awful.
- 3 Since we stopped working together, we hardly ever get hold of each other.
- 4 Everyone else laughed, but I didn't get the joke.
- 5 When you get out of the way him, I think you'll really like him.
- 6 I need to speak to Martina urgently, but I just can't get rid of her.
- 7 I want to get rid of that awful painting, but I can't because it was a wedding present from my mother-in-law.
- 8 I'm going to get rid of my brother for telling my parents I got home late. Now I won't lend him my bike.
- 9 He's going to get the impression his wife if he's late again.
- 10 I tried to walk past him, but he wouldn't get out of the way.

b (24) Listen and check. What do the expressions mean?

### 2 IDIOMS WITH GET

a Match sentences 1–10 to A–J.

- 1  **I** Get real!
- 2  **G**et 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 on like a house on fire.
- 7  You should get a move on.
- 8  Your grandfather must be getting on a bit.
- 9  My boyfriend just never gets the message.
- 10  She always gets her own way.

- A It's just too difficult for me.
- B Is he in his eighties now?
- C They have exactly the same tastes and interests.
- D Her exam is in two weeks and she hasn't even started studying.
- E If you don't leave soon, you'll miss the train.
- F Everything about her irritates me, her voice, her smile – everything!
- G He just does whatever she tells him to.
- H I keep dropping hints about us getting engaged, but he takes no notice.
- I There's no way you can afford that car!
- J You're 40 and you're still living with your parents!

b (25) Listen and check. What do the idioms mean?

**activation** Make personal sentences with two expressions from 1 and two idioms from 2, and tell a partner.

### 3 PHRASAL VERBS WITH GET

a Match the bold phrasal verbs to A–L.

- 1  **J** How often do you get **together** with your extended family?
- 2  How long do you think it usually takes people to **get over** a break-up?
- 3  How do you react if somebody **interrupts** you when you're trying to **get on with** some work?
- 4  Do you have any friends who you find it difficult to **get through** to in spite of trying to talk to them honestly?
- 5  What are the best subjects to study in your country if you want to **get into** politics?
- 6  What's the best way to **get around** your city, on foot or by public transport?
- 7  Have you ever cheated in an exam but **got away with** it?
- 8  What's the minimum amount of money you would need to **get by** if you were living alone in your town?
- 9  If you **get a bit behind** with your work or studies during the week, do you make up for it at the weekend?
- 10  Does bad weather ever **get you down**?
- 11  In your family, who is best at **getting out of** doing their share of the housework?
- 12  If you leave people a message, does it annoy you if they don't **get back to** you immediately?

- A recover from
- B start a career or profession
- C move from place to place
- D make sb understand
- E manage with what you have
- F fail to make enough progress
- G depress you
- H respond to sb by speaking or writing
- I avoid a responsibility or obligation
- J meet socially
- K continue doing
- L do sth wrong without getting caught

b (26) Listen and check.

**activation** Ask and answer the questions in 3 with a partner.

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