

Phrases with get

VOCABULARY BANK

1 EXPRESSIONS WITH GET

a Complete the sentences with an expression from the list.

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

- 1 I **get** the impression you're a bit annoyed with me.
- 2 When I told him to meet us at the station, he **got** _____ and went to the bus station, not the train station.
- 3 Since we stopped working together, we hardly ever **get** _____ to see each other.
- 4 Everyone else laughed, but I didn't **get** _____.
- 5 When you **get** _____ him, I think you'll really like him.
- 6 I need to speak to Martina urgently, but I just can't **get** _____ her.
- 7 I want to **get** _____ that awful painting, but I can't because it was a wedding present from my mother-in-law.
- 8 I'm going to **get** _____ my brother for telling our parents I got home late. Now I won't lend him my bike.
- 9 He's going to **get** _____ his boss if he's late again.
- 10 I tried to walk past him, but he wouldn't **get** _____.

b 3.7 Listen and check. What do the expressions mean? Explain them in your own words.

2 IDIOMS WITH GET

a Match sentences 1–10 to A–J.

- 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 on like a house on fire**.
 - 7 You should **get a move on**.
 - 8 Your grandfather must be **getting on** a bit.
 - 9 My boss 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 Everyone just does whatever she tells them to.
H I keep dropping hints about a pay rise, 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 3.8 Listen and check. What do the idioms mean? Explain them in your own words.

3 PHRASAL VERBS WITH GET

a Match the **bold** phrasal verbs to A–L.

- 1 **J** How did you and your boyfriend **get together**?
- 2 It can take a long time to **get over** a break-up.
- 3 I hate being interrupted when I'm trying to **get on with** my work.
- 4 We keep telling our teenage son how important it is to study hard, but it's impossible to **get through to** him.
- 5 She's studying economics at university, and then she wants to **get into** banking.
- 6 What's the best way to **get around** your city, on foot or by public transport?
- 7 Don't try to cheat in the exam, you'll never **get away with** it.
- 8 They have just enough money to **get by**, but they have to watch every penny.
- 9 I need to work this weekend because I **got behind** during the week.
- 10 The weather here is terrible in winter, it really **gets me down**.
- 11 I promised I'd help Matt move house, but I **got out of** it by saying I had a bad back.
- 12 Please leave a message and I'll **get back** to you as soon as I can.

- 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 make sb feel depressed
H respond to sb by speaking or writing
I avoid a responsibility or obligation
J start a relationship
K continue doing
L do sth wrong without getting caught

b 3.9 Listen and check.

ACTIVATION Look at A–L in a and remember the phrasal verbs.

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