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SPOTLIGHT *get*

Get is a very common verb in spoken English. It has many meanings, and you need to write down new examples when you meet them. We don't usually use it in formal written English.

1 **In column 2, rewrite each sentence with the correct form of *get*.**

▶ I must buy some new clothes.	I must get some new clothes.	buy
1 Did you receive my message?		
2 He becomes angry if you're late.		
3 We arrived home late last night.		
4 It's becoming cold.		
5 I received three letters today.		
6 Where did you buy that bag?		
7 He needs to be given a job.		
8 Do you want to travel by train?		

2 **Cover sentences 1–8 in Exercise 1. Look at the sentences you wrote. What does *get* mean in each one? Write your answer in column 3.**

▶ I must get some new clothes. buy

3 **Complete the sentences in a logical way using *get*.**

▶ There weren't any buses, so we got the train.
1 Could you close the window? It's ..... .
2 What time did you ..... ?
3 Those shoes are lovely. Where did you ..... ?
4 Do you want to walk or ..... ?
5 I need a map of the town. Where can I ..... ?
6 She sent me an email but I didn't ..... .
7 I must go now, it's ..... .
8 I have to be at the cinema in ten minutes, so I'm going to ..... .
9 Tom worked hard for his maths and he ..... .
10 How many text messages do you ..... ?

4 ABOUT YOU **Write your answers, or ask another student.**

▶ What time do you get home from work/college/school? I get home from school at 5 o'clock each day.
1 How often do you get the bus? .....
2 How cold does it get in your country? .....
3 How many texts do you get every day? .....
4 What was the last new item of clothing you got? .....
5 Where can you get information about your town/city? .....

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