

100 Common expressions

A Expressions with *get*

Expression	Example	Meaning
get ready	<i>We need to get ready now – the film starts at 6.30.</i>	be prepared and able to do sth
get dressed	<i>I got dressed, had breakfast, then went to work.</i>	put on clothes
get to know sb	<i>I got to know Charlie when we were at university.</i>	meet sb and become friends
get changed (into sth different)	<i>I've been for a long walk, so I'm going to get changed.</i>	take your clothes off and put on different clothes
get in	<i>What time does our train get in?</i>	arrive at a place
get to sleep	<i>Do you have problems getting to sleep?</i>	start to sleep
go and get sth	<i>Could you go and get a clean towel from the bathroom?</i>	go to a place and return with sth SYN <i>fetch</i>
get back	<i>I want to get back by 7.00, if possible.</i>	return from a place
get better	<i>I feel my English is getting better now.</i>	reach a higher level, improve
get out of sth	<i>Be careful when you get out of the car.</i>	leave a vehicle such as a car or taxi
we/you get	<i>We get a lot of tourists where I live.</i>	= there are / you can see

1 Match 1–6 with a–g.

► get better	.....	a put on clothes
1 get in	.....	b meet and become friends
2 get back	.....	c return
3 get to know somebody	.....	d arrive
4 go and get	.....	e put on different clothes
5 get dressed	.....	f fetch
6 get changed	.....	g reach a higher level ✓

2 Complete the sentences.

- I started learning the guitar last year, and I'm definitely getting better now.
- 1 Ed, could you and get my laptop from the bedroom?
- 2 We all got of the car and pushed it to the side of the road.
- 3 I'm meeting Sophia at the station. Her bus gets at 3.15.
- 4 I left Amelia's flat at 10.00, but I didn't get until 11.30.
- 5 We're going out in ten minutes, so we need to get
- 6 You a lot of people sleeping on the streets in big cities.

3 Complete the sentences.

- Do you get to know people easily?
- 1 Do you usually get before or after you have breakfast?
- 2 When you go out, does it take you a long time to get ?
- 3 When you get home from school/college/work, do you usually get into different clothes?
- 4 Do you ever have problems getting to at night?
- 5 Do you think your English is getting ?
- 6 Do you a lot of tourists in your town?

4 ABOUT YOU Write your own answers to Exercise 3, or talk to another student.

- Do you get to know people easily? Yes, I think so.



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B In conversation

These expressions are common in informal spoken English.

Guess what! I passed the exam. I heard this morning.

Wow! Well done! That's great.

Yes, I can now relax for the rest of the week.

I don't feel like going to the beach.

But everyone else will be there.

I know, but I'm going to stay here and take care of the dog.

SPOTLIGHT **else**

You can use **else** to mean 'different' after words like **everyone**, **somewhere** and **nothing**.

- I didn't like it, but **everyone else** did. (= all the other people)
- The restaurant was full so we went **somewhere else**. (= to another place)
- We had bread because there was **nothing else** to eat. (= no other thing)

Are you going to the meeting on Friday?

I guess so.

Well, can you let me know by tomorrow?

Come on! We have to go.

What, now?

Yes, right now.

GLOSSARY

Guess what!

used for introducing surprising news

Wow!

a word that shows you are surprised and happy

Well done!

You say this to sb when you are happy because they have done sth well. **SYN Congratulations!**

the rest

the part that is left or remains: **the rest of the day/time**

feel like (doing) sth

want (to do) sth: **I feel like** a nice cold drink.

take care of sth/sb

do everything to make sth/sb safe: **I can take care of the children while you go shopping.** **SYN look after sth/sb**

I guess so

= I think so **SYN I suppose so**

let sb know

tell sb

Come on!

used for telling sb to hurry, be quick **SYN hurry up!**

right now

at this minute; immediately **SYN right away**

5 Find eight more expressions using words from each box.

somewhere ✓ let come hurry
the rest I guess well right

on! up so done
me know now of the time else ✓

► somewhere else

6 Complete the dialogues.

- We need to go right away or we'll be late. ~ Yes, let's go.
- 1 You had all the biscuits. ~ Sorry, there was else to eat.
- 2 Do you feel a drink? ~ Yes, let's go out.
- 3 Do we need to get ready now? ~ Yes, right up, so up!
- 4 what? I came first in the English exam. ~ ! Well !
- 5 Are you staying? ~ Yes, I'm going to look the two girls.
- 6 Are you staying at Jon's? ~ Yes, I so. I'll you know at the weekend.
- 7 Why are you going back to the flat? ~ Because there's nowhere to go.

7 Rewrite the sentences using the word in CAPITALS. The meaning must stay the same.

- We need to go right now. AWAY We need to go right away.
- 1 The bar was busy, so we went to another place. ELSE
- 2 Could you tell me later? LET
- 3 Who is going to look after the children? TAKE
- 4 Come on, Sacha! HURRY
- 5 Do you want to go out? FEEL
- 6 Penny is here. All the others went out. EVERYONE

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