

100 Common expressions

A Expressions with get

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

1 Match 1–6 with a–g.

► get better

1 get in

2 get back

3 get to know somebody

4 go and get

5 get dressed

6 get changed

g

a put on clothes

b meet and become friends

c return

d arrive

e put on different clothes

f fetch

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.



TEST YOURSELF

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.

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.

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)

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 _____, 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 _____



TEST YOURSELF