



LESSON SEVEN

GET

<https://dictionary.cambridge.org/grammar/british-grammar/common-verbs/get>

Get is an irregular verb. Its three parts are **get, got, got**. In American English, the -ed form **gotten** is common.

Get is a very common verb, especially in informal speaking and writing. Get has many different meanings and is used in many idioms. We use it less often in formal writing. Get has many different grammatical patterns depending on the meaning.

Get meaning 'fetch', 'receive', 'obtain'

We commonly use get + object or get + indirect object + direct object when we mean, very generally, 'fetch' or 'receive' or 'obtain'. In these examples the object is underlined:

When are you going to get your new car?

They were all dismissed from the firm but two of them managed to get new jobs within a week.

These examples have an indirect object [IO] and a direct object [DO]:

Can you get [IO] me [DO] an ice-cream? Thanks.

Can we stop here? I need to get [IO] Fiona and Steven [DO] some cash from the cash machine.

Get meaning 'become'

We commonly use get + adjective to mean 'become' or to describe a change of state or situation:

Put your coat and scarf on or you'll get cold.

Let's hope she gets better soon.

It's getting dark.

Get describing negative events

We can use get + -ed form to describe things that happen to us, often things which are unfortunate and which we don't want to happen. We call this pattern the get passive:

**The cottage got really badly damaged in the floods last year.
Sorry we're late. The train got delayed for over an hour outside
Manchester.**

Get meaning 'cause something to happen'

When we use get + object [O] + -ed form, we say that we cause something to happen or to be done. It is a less formal way of saying have something done:

I'm getting the [O] computer repaired on Monday.

We also use get + noun phrase object [O] + object complement [OC] to mean that we cause something to happen:

[at a hotel reception desk]

Sorry to keep you waiting. We're just getting [O] the bill [OC] ready for you now.

Get + object + infinitive with to, and get + object + -ing form have similar meanings of 'cause or persuade to happen':

They got me to talk to the police, even though I knew it wouldn't help.

(They persuaded me to talk to the police ...)

Can you help me get this printer working?

Get is a word with many different meanings. You will find other meanings of get, and phrasal verbs with get, in a good learner's dictionary.

GET

<https://www.thefreedictionary.com/get>

v. **got, gotten** or **got, getting, gets**

v. tr.

1.

a. To come into possession or use of; receive: **got a cat for her birthday.**

She got a lot of paintings from her uncle.

b. To meet with or incur: **got nothing but trouble for her efforts.**
I got nothing but trouble for my good intentions.

2.

a. To go after and obtain: **got a book at the library; got breakfast in town.**

b. To go after and bring: **Get me a pillow.**

c. To purchase; buy: **get groceries.**

- 3.
- a. To acquire as a result of action or effort: **He got his information from the internet. You can't get water out of a stone.**
 - b. To earn: **got high marks in math.**
 - c. To accomplish or attain as a result of military action.
4. To obtain by concession or request: **couldn't get the time off; got permission to go.**
- 5.
- a. To arrive at; reach: **When did you get home?**
 - b. To reach and board; catch: **She got her plane two minutes before takeoff.**
6. To succeed in communicating with, as by telephone: **can't get me at the office until nine.**
7. To become affected with (an illness, for example) by infection or exposure; catch: **get the flu; got the mumps, got cancer.**
- 8.
- a. To be subjected to; undergo: **got a severe concussion.**
 - b. To receive as retribution or punishment: **got six years in prison for tax fraud.**
 - c. To sustain a specified injury to: **got my arm broken.**
- 9.
- a. To perceive or become aware of by one of the senses: **get a whiff of perfume; got a look at the schedule.**
 - b. To gain or have understanding of: **Do you get this question?**
 - c. To learn (a poem, for example) by heart; memorize.
 - d. To find or reach by calculating: **get a total; can't get the answer.**
10. To procreate; beget: **"Is my life given me for nothing but to get children and work to bring them up?" (D.H. Lawrence).**
- 11.
- a. To cause to become or be in a specified state or condition: **got the children tired and cross; got the shirt clean.**
 - b. To make ready; prepare: **get lunch for the family.**
 - c. To cause to come or go: **got the car through traffic.**
 - d. To cause to move or leave: **Get me out of here!**
12. To cause to undertake or perform; prevail on: **got the guide to give us the complete tour.**
- 13.
- a. To take, especially by force; seize: **The detective got the suspect as he left the restaurant.**
 - b. *Informal* To overcome or destroy: **The ice storm got the rose bushes.**

- c. To evoke an emotional response or reaction in: **Romantic music really gets me.**
- d. To annoy or irritate: **What got me was his utter lack of initiative.**
- e. To present a difficult problem to; puzzle: **"It's the suspect's indifference that gets me," the detective said.**
- f. To take revenge on, especially to kill in revenge for a wrong.
- g. *Informal* To hit or strike: **She got him on the chin. The bullet got him in the arm.**

14. *Baseball* To put out or strike out: **got the batter with a cut fastball.**

15. To begin or start. Used with the present participle: **I have to get working on this or I'll miss my deadline.**

16.

a. To have current possession of. Used in the present perfect form with the meaning of the present: **We've got plenty of cash.**

b. *Nonstandard* To have current possession of. Used in the past tense form with the meaning of the present: **They got a nice house in town.**

c. To have as an obligation. Used in the present perfect form with the meaning of the present: **I have got to leave early. You've got to do the dishes.**

d. *Nonstandard* To have as an obligation. Used in the past tense with the meaning of the present: **They got to clean up this mess.**

v. intr.

1.

a. To become or grow to be: **eventually got well.**

b. To be successful in coming or going: **When will we get to Dallas?**

2. To be able or permitted: **never got to see Europe; finally got to work at home.**

3.

a. To be successful in becoming: **get free of a drug problem.**

b. Used with the past participle of transitive verbs as a passive voice auxiliary: **got stung by a bee.**

c. To become drawn in, entangled, or involved: **got into debt; get into a hassle.**

4. *Informal* To depart immediately: **yelled at the dog to get.**

5. To work for gain or profit; make money: **Do you feel as though you're exhausting yourself getting and not making enough for spending?**

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1. *Sports* A return, as in tennis, on a shot that seems impossible to reach.

Phrasal Verbs:

GET ACROSS

1. To make understandable or clear: **tried to get my point across.**
2. To be convincing or understandable: **How can I get across to the students?**

GET AFTER

To urge or scold: **You should get after them to mow the lawn.**

GET AHEAD

To improve one's situation; be successful.

GET ALONG

1. To be or continue to be on harmonious terms: **gets along with the in-laws.**
2. To manage or fare with reasonable success: **can't get along on those wages.**
3. To make progress: **Are you getting along with the project?**
4. To grow old: **getting along in years.**
5. To go away; leave: **The store owner told the children to get along.**

GET AROUND

1. To circumvent or evade: **managed to get around the rules.**
2. To deal with; overcome: **got around the problem.**
3. To convince or win over by flattering or cajoling.
4. To travel from place to place: **It is hard to get around without a car.**
5. To become known; circulate: **Word got around.**
6. To have numerous sexual partners; be promiscuous.

GET AT

1. To touch or reach successfully: **The cat hid where we couldn't get at it.**
2. To try to make understandable; hint at or suggest: **I don't know what you're getting at.**
3. To discover or understand: **tried to get at the cause of the problem.**
4. **Informal** To bribe or influence by improper or illegal means: **He got at the judge, and the charges were dismissed.**

GET AWAY

1. To break free; escape.
2. To leave or go away: **wanted to come along, but couldn't get away.**

GET BACK

To return to a person, place, or condition: **Let's get back to the subject at hand.**

GET BY

1. To succeed at a level of minimal acceptability or with the minimal amount of effort: **just got by in college.**
2. To succeed in managing; survive: **We'll get by if we economize.**
3. To be unnoticed or ignored by: **The mistake got by the editor, but the proofreader caught it.**

GET DOWN

1. To descend.
2. To give one's attention. Often used with to: **Let's get down to work.**
3. To exhaust, discourage, or depress: **The heat was getting me down.**
4. To swallow: **got the pill down on the first try.**
5. To describe in writing: **If I could just get down how I feel!**
6. *Informal* To lose one's inhibitions; enjoy oneself wholeheartedly.

GET IN

1. To enter: **got in the garage.**
2. To arrive: **We got in late last night.**
3. To become or cause to become involved:
She got in with the wrong crowd.
Repeated loans from the finance company got me deeper in debt.
4. To become accepted, as in a club.
5. To succeed in making or doing: **got in six deliveries before noon.**

GET INTO

1. To become involved in: **got into trouble by stealing cars.**
2. *Informal* To be interested in: **got into gourmet cooking.**
3. To affect, especially negatively: **What's gotten into you lately?**

GET OFF

1. To start, as on a trip; leave.
2. To fire (a round of ammunition, for example): **got off two shots before the deer disappeared.**
3. To write and send, as a letter.
4. To escape, as from punishment or danger: **got off scot-free.**
5. To obtain a release or lesser penalty for: **The attorney got her client off with a slap on the wrist.**

6. To get permission to leave one's workplace: **got off early and went fishing.**
7. *Informal* To act or speak with effrontery: **Where does he get off telling me to hurry up?**
8. *Slang*
 - a. To have an orgasm.
 - b. To feel great pleasure or gratification: **gets off on gossiping about coworkers.**
 - c. To experience euphoria, for example, as a result of taking a drug.

GET ON

1. To be or continue on harmonious terms: **gets on well with the neighbors.**
2. To manage or fare: **How are you getting on?**
3. To make progress; continue: **get on with a performance.**
4. To grow old: **The CEO is getting on and will retire soon.**
5. To acquire understanding or knowledge: **got on to the con game.**

GET OUT

1. To leave or escape: **Our canary got out.**
2. To become known: **Somehow the secret got out.**
3. To publish, as a newspaper.

GET OVER

1. To get across: **got over the ditch.**
2. To recover from: **finally got over the divorce.**

GET THROUGH

1. To finish or assist in finishing:
The rat got through the maze.
His mother got him through the college application process.
2. To succeed in making contact: **telephoned but couldn't get through.**
3. To make oneself understood: **What do I need to do to get through to you?**

GET TO

1. To begin. Used with the present participle: **got to reminiscing.**
2. To start to deal with: **didn't get to the housework until Sunday.**
3. To influence or affect, especially adversely: **The noise really gets to me.**

GET TOGETHER

1. To bring together; gather: **getting the author's correspondence together.**
2. To come together: **We got together for lunch.**
3. To arrive at an agreement: **The feuding parties finally got together.**

GET UP

1. To arise from bed or rise to one's feet: **She got up and opened the door.**
 2. To climb: **How long will it take to get up the mountain?**
 3. To act as the creator or organizer of: **got up a petition against rezoning.**
 4. To dress or adorn: **She got herself up in a bizarre outfit.**
 5. To find within oneself; summon: **got up the nerve to quit.**
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IDIOMS

GET AROUND TO

To find the time or occasion for; deal with: **We finally got around to unpacking our knickknacks.**

GET AWAY WITH

To escape the consequences of (a blameworthy act, for example): **got away with cheating.**

GET BACK AT

To take revenge on.

GET CRACKING

To begin to work; get started.

GET EVEN

To obtain revenge.

GET EVEN WITH

To repay with an equivalent act, as for revenge.

GET GOING

To make a beginning; get started.

GET HOLD (OR AHOLD) OF

1. To bring into one's grasp, possession, or control.
2. To communicate with, especially by telephone.

GET IT *Informal*

To be punished or scolded: **You broke the vase. Now you're really going to get it!**

GET IT ON *Slang*

1. To become filled with energy or excitement.
2. To engage in sexual intercourse.

GET IT UP

Vulgar Slang To have an erection.

GET NOWHERE

To make no progress.

GET (ONE'S) *Informal*

To receive one's due punishment: **After sassing his parents, he really got his.**

GET ON THE STICK

To begin to work.

GET ON WITH

To continue or resume doing (something); make progress regarding:
We must get on with the project.

GET OUT OF

To gain release from the obligation of:
**She tried to get out of taking her brother to the mall.
He couldn't get out of his date on Saturday.**

GET (SOMEONE'S) GOAT

To make angry or vexed.

GET SOMEWHERE *Informal*

To make progress.

GET THERE Informal

To make progress or achieve success: **I'm not finished, but I'm getting there.**

GET WIND OF

To learn of: **got wind of the scheme.**

🎵 Music:

Get in the Ring – Guns N' Roses

Get lucky (feat. Pharrell Williams) – Daft Punk

What do I get? – The Buzzcocks

Get away – Stéphanie

Come & Get It – Selena Gomez

Get Scared is an American post-hardcore band from Layton, Utah. Formed in 2008, they released their first EP (extend play), *Cheap Tricks and Theatrics*, in 2009. Another EP, *Get Scared*, was released in 2010. The band's debut studio album, *Best Kind of Mess*, was released on July 12, 2011.

My nightmare

Keep myself alive

Get Far – Mario Fargetta (born 19 July 1962, Lissone, Milan, Italy) is an Italian house/electronic DJ, producer, recording artist, composer, and remixer. **Get Far**, which is a pseudonym of both his last name and his desire to take his musical direction beyond the Italian Dance sound. As Get Far, he reached the top of US Hot Dance Airplay chart in August 2010 with the club hit "The Radio".

Shining Star

🎬 Television:



How to Get Away with Murder is an American drama television series that premiered on ABC on September 25, 2014. The series was created by Peter Nowalk, and produced by Shonda Rhimes and ABC Studios.

Viola Davis stars as Annalise Keating, a law professor at a prestigious Philadelphia university who, with five of her students, becomes entwined in a murder plot.

Get Out is a 2017 American horror film written and directed by Jordan Peele. It stars Daniel Kaluuya as Chris, a black man who uncovers a disturbing secret when he meets the family of his white girlfriend (Allison Williams). The film was praised by critics, particularly for Peele's screenplay and direction, and Kaluuya's performance.



It was chosen by the *National Board of Review*, the *American Film Institute*, and *Time* magazine as one of the top 10 films of the year. The film was also a box office success, grossing \$255 million worldwide on a \$4.5 million budget.

