

ENGLISH

Unit 9: To Get



Pre-Intermediate English with

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Introduction

- The verb "to get" in English is used all the time.
- What can be difficult with this verb is that it is used in many different ways and can have many different meanings.
- It is mainly used in more informal contexts, this is because it can be used as a replacement word for words that have a more specific meaning
- For example:
 - Informal: I get 18\$ per hour.
 - Formal: I earn 18\$ per hour.
- The second sentence is more formal because it uses the word that has a more precise meaning.
- Other examples:
 - "He got home 2 hours ago." (Arrived)
 - "I got the flu so I'm home sick." (Caught)
 - "Do you get what I mean?" (Understand)
 - "Can you get me a coffee?" (Buy or Fetch)
 - "I got an A on my test!" (Received)
 - "I'll get the vanilla ice cream." (Take)
 - "She has got to go" or "She needs to go"

VERB: TO Get - Present simple of get

get, gets



Positive Present Tense Examples:

- I get fresh bread everyday.
- She gets fresh bread everyday.
- They get fresh bread everyday.

Negative Present Tense Examples:

- I don't get fresh bread everyday.
- He doesn't get fresh bread everyday.
- We don't get fresh bread everyday.

Positive Statements

I get

You get

He/She/It gets

We get

You all get

They get

Negative Statements

I do not get - (I don't get)

You do not get - (You don't get)

He/She/It does not get - (He/She/It
doesn't get)

We do not get - (We don't get)

They do not get - (They don't get)

"To Get" Present Continuous



Positive Examples:

- I am getting my hair cut right now.
- She is getting her hair cut right now.
- They are all getting their hair cut right now.

Negative Examples:

- I am not getting my hair cut right now.
- She is not getting her hair cut right now.
- We are not getting our hair cut right now.

"To Get" Present Perfect

Positive Examples:

- I have gotten to know you very well.
- She has gotten to know you very well.
- They have all gotten to know you very well.

Negative Examples:

- I have not gotten to know you very well.
- She has not gotten to know you very well.
- We have not gotten to know you very well.

"To Get" Past Simple

Positive Examples:


- I got a new book yesterday.
- She got a new book yesterday.
- They all got new books yesterday.

Negative Examples:

- I didn't get a new book yesterday.
- She didn't get a new book yesterday.
- We didn't get any new books yesterday.

EXERCISE

Replace the verb "to get" in each sentence with a more precise verb.



1.) I will be getting home late tonight.

2.) I got a new phone.

3.) You have got to go or you will miss your bus.

4.) He got cold so he put his jacket on.

5.) Do you get this exercise?

6.) They got great grades in school.

7.) We have got to see that movie!


EXERCISE

Please write 7 sentences using different forms of the verb "to get".


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AUDIO EXERCISE

Listening comprehension! Please choose the appropriate answers to the following questions:

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1. What did Peter get with his friends?
 - a. Coffee
 - b. Ice cream
 - c. Bread
 - d. Stickers
 2. What grade did Maryam get?
 - a. F
 - b. B-
 - c. A
 - d. C
 3. What time will Maryam get home?
 - a. 9:30pm
 - b. 6:00pm
 - c. 3:00am
 - d. 4:30pm
 4. How did Peter use "get" in the first sentence?
 - a. to arrive
 - b. to receive
 - c. to buy
 - d. to catch

FRIEND EXERCISE



For this friend exercise you and your friend must write 7 sentences using the verb "to get" as many times as possible, in as many meanings as possible.

Then you should switch papers and have your friend try to replace each of the "to get" words with the more formal and precise word.

After you each replace as many as possible you should then switch back and see how many they did correctly!

Good luck!

FRIEND EXERCISE

You may use this paper for the exercise.

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