

1 Expressions with get

a Complete the sentences with an expression from the list.

get a shock get hold of get into trouble get out of the way get rid of
get the chance get the impression get the joke get to know get your own back on

- 1 I _____ you're a bit annoyed with me. Have I done something wrong?
- 2 You'll _____ when you see him. He looks at least ten years older.
- 3 Since we stopped working together we hardly ever _____ to see each other.
- 4 I didn't laugh because I didn't _____.
- 5 When you _____ him, I think you'll really like him.
- 6 I need to speak to Sarah urgently, but I just can't _____ her.
- 7 I want to _____ that awful painting, but I can't because it was a wedding present from my mother-in-law.
- 8 I'm going to _____ my brother for telling my parents I got back late. Next time he asks to borrow my bike, I won't lend it to him.
- 9 He's going to _____ with his wife if she finds out that he's been emailing his ex-girlfriend.
- 10 I tried to walk past him but he wouldn't _____. He just stood there, blocking the path.

b With a partner, say what you think the expressions mean.



'Well, I've managed to get rid of the annoying double vision effect on your T.V.'

2 Idioms with get

a Match the sentence halves.

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| 1 Get real! | A It's just too difficult for me. |
| 2 Get a life! | B Is he in his eighties now? |
| 3 I'm not getting anywhere with this crossword. | C They seem to have exactly the same tastes and interests. |
| 4 She really gets on my nerves. | D Her exam is in two weeks and she hasn't even started studying. |
| 5 She really needs to get her act together. | E I thought the party was at their house, but it isn't – it's at Mike and Jane's. |
| 6 They get on like a house on fire. | F Everything about her irritates me, her voice, her smile – everything! |
| 7 When we spoke on the phone I got the wrong end of the stick. | G He just does whatever she tells him to. |
| 8 You grandfather must be getting on a bit, isn't he? | H I keep dropping hints about his awful cooking but he takes no notice. |
| 9 My boyfriend just never gets the message. | I There's no way you can afford that car! |
| 10 She always gets her own way. | J You're 35 and you're still living with your parents! |

b With a partner, say what you think the idioms mean.

3 Phrasal verbs with get

Match the phrasal verbs to their meaning.

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| 1 Shall we try to get together for dinner next weekend? | A recover from |
| 2 I hope my brother gets over his break-up soon. He's very depressed. | B start a career or profession |
| 3 I can't help you now. I need to get on with the cooking. | C move from place to place |
| 4 I've tried to talk about it, but I just can't get through to him. | D make someone understand |
| 5 How did you get into journalism? | E manage with what you have |
| 6 The best way to get around the city is by taxi – they're very cheap here. | F fail to make enough progress |
| 7 She's cheated in exams several times but she always gets away with it. | G depress |
| 8 My wife is out of work so we'll just have to get by on less money. | H write or speak to sb again later |
| 9 I've got a bit behind with my work – I may have to do some at the weekend. | I avoid a responsibility or obligation |
| 10 This terrible weather is really getting me down. | J meet socially |
| 11 I want to get out of going to Ann's party. Can you think of a good excuse? | K continue doing |
| 12 Thanks for your email. I'll get back to you as soon as possible. | L do something wrong without getting caught or punished |

Can you remember the expressions on this page? Test yourself or a partner.

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