

## The Verb "GET"

**To receive** - I got a book for my birthday.

**To earn** - I get \$7 an hour.

**To bring or fetch** - Can you get that book for me?

**To understand** - Do you get the lesson?

**To be affected by, or catch** - He got a cold last week.

**To catch or take** - I got the 4.55 train to New York.

**To communicate with** - I got him by phone.

**To have a strong effect on** - That film really got me.

**To capture or seize** - The police got him at the station.

*"GET" used as a phrasal verb:*

To get about (or around)

To be socially active

1. Tom really **gets around**, doesn't he?

To get ahead

To be successful

2. It's very difficult to **get ahead** nowadays.

To get away

To escape

3. The thief **got away** from the police.

To get back

To recover or retrieve

4. I **got** my books **back** from Tom.

\*to **get back at** = to take revenge on

To get by

To survive financially

5. Sally **gets by** on just \$1,000 a month.

To get in  
To enter a car, train etc.

6. Come on, **get in!** Let's go.

To get into  
To be accepted

7. He **got into** the university of his choice.

To get off  
To exit from a train, bus etc.

8. Jerry **got off** at 52nd Street.

To get on with... also, get along  
To have a good relationship with

9. I really **get on** well with Janet. We **get along**.

To get out  
To leave

10. I **got out** of class at 3.30.

To get over  
To recover from an illness or bad occurrence

11. He **got over** his operation very quickly.

To get through  
To succeed in an examination, test etc.

12. That was a difficult test to **get through**, wasn't it?

To get up  
To get out of bed

13. I **got up** at 7 this morning.

*Colloquial Usage of "GET"*

Gotta, To have to (US)

1. I **gotta go** it's late
2. I've **got** to hurry up!

To get down to business  
To begin working

3. Tom arrived at 12 and immediately **got down** to business.

To get together  
To meet

4. Let's **get together** this weekend.

To get it together  
To improve one's performance

5. Come on! **Get it together**, you are playing horrible tennis.