



## THE VERB TO GET

The verb “to get” is one of the most widely used verbs in the English language. It is used in many different ways and with different meanings. It is sometimes avoided in formal style, but it is correct and natural in most kinds of speech and writing. To understand the meaning of the verb “to get”, we have provided you with examples in different contexts.

*Conjugation:*

Affirmative Form	Negative Form	Question Form
I get	I don't get	Do I get.....?
You get	You don't get	Do you get .....
He gets	He doesn't get	Does he get ....?
She gets	She doesn't get	Does she get ...?
It gets	It doesn't get	Does it get .....
We get	We don't get	Do we get .....
The get	They don't get	Do they get .....

1. Get = obtain, acquire (to come into possession of something)

*Examples:*

She **got** a lot of paintings from his uncle when he passed away.

They **got** a new pet.

**Get** your loan approved in twenty-four hours.

I **got** an A + in my midterm exam.

2. Get = receive (receive a package, check, letter, postcard, etc)

*Examples:*

I **got** some clothes for Christmas. How about you?

His new movie **got** a very good review.

I **got** two books for winning the reading contest.

We **got** a letter from our friend who lives in Paris.

3. Get to = arrive (reach a destination)

*Examples:*

She always **gets to** work late. She is going to lose her job soon.

I **got** home pretty late last night. (Remember that the noun “home” does not admit the preposition “to” before it)

We didn't **get to** Chicago until after midnight.

We just **got** her.

Excuse me, how do I **get to** the airport from here?

4. Get = bring, fetch

*Examples:*

**Get** me those books on the table, please.



Could you **get** me the wine?

If you are going to the kitchen, can you **get** me a glass of water?

Come on boy! Go **get** the stick. (the master playing with his dog)

5. Get = to experience, to undergo (mental or physical state)

*Examples:*

I **got** an idea!

She **gets** vertigo when she looks out the window.

They **get** nauseous when they drive.

6. Get = make, score

*Examples:*

The Brazilian team **got** 4 goals in the match.

She was nominated the player of the game. She **got** 29 points in the game.

We **got** 12 more points. We won!

7. Get to = understand

*Examples:*

I didn't **get** the joke.

We couldn't **get** a word of what he said. He speaks too fast!

I **got** it! You do not need to repeat that again.

8. Get = catch

*Examples:*

You can't **get** me. (children playing)

The batter didn't strike the ball hard enough, so the midfielder **got** it easily.

I've **got** you!

9. Get = buy

*Examples:*

Where did you **get** those nice shoes?

Let me **get** you a drink!

I want to **get** a new jacket for the winter.

10. Get = contract (be stricken by an illness, fall victim of an illness)

*Examples:*

He **got** a bad rash.

She **got** pneumonia.

We couldn't come to school because we **got** a terrible cold.

11. Get = catch

*Examples:*

We'll **get** them!

That'll **get** him good!

This time I **got** you.

I'll **get** you for this.

12. Get = become. This is probably the most common way to use the verb “to get”. When using *get* with this meaning, we indicate changes in emotional or physical state. We can also use it to indicate changes in states of matter, the weather, temperature, marital status, etc. We have to put an adjective after the verb “to get” to indicate such changes.

*Examples:*

He **got** really **mad** when he heard the news.

It is **getting chilly**. Let's get inside the building.

Hurry up boys! The food is **getting cold**.

She **got married** when she was 20, but lived happily ever after.

Hi friend hit the jackpot and **got** very **rich**.

Don't **get nervous**. Take it easy.

I am **getting hungry**. I need something to eat.

With this terrible weather, I am going to **get sick** very soon.

My hair is falling out! I am **getting bald**.

After living here for almost five years, he **got smart**. Now, he knows how things work here.

Don't eat too much junk food. You are going to **get fat**!

Easy with the drinks guys! You are going to **get drunk**.



Select the correct meaning of the verb “to get” in the following sentences.

1. I am getting tired

- A. becoming    B. taking revenge    C. receiving    D. bring

2. We got a letter from our friends in Italy

- A. scored    B. understood    C. received    D. caught

3. I didn't get a word of what you said. Could you say that again?

- A. fetch    B. obtain    C. score    D. understand

4. I got a new pair of shoes yesterday.

- A. bought    B. scored    C. became    D. brought

5. He got a really bad cold.

- A. received    B. scored    C. bought    D. contracted

6. I'll get you for this! I promise.

- A. bring    B. understand    C. take revenge    D. receive

7. Our team got 4 goals in the final game and won the championship.

- A. bought    B. fetched    C. became    D. scored

8. We got to school very late because we overslept.

- A. arrived    B. fetched    C. became    D. obtained

10. I am getting hungry, I need something to eat.

- A. buying    B. catching    C. becoming    D. scoring

11. He touched poison ivy with his bare hands and got a terrible rash.

- A. received    B. bought    C. contracted    D. fetched

12. She got an A+ in the final exam.

- A. obtained    B. arrived    C. became    D. scored

13. If you are going to the kitchen, can you get me a glass of water?

- A. bring    B. acquire    C. obtain    D. buy

14. My father got really mad at me, when he heard that I lost my new laptop.

- A. brought    B. acquired    C. obtained    D. became

15. Finally! I got it!

- A. took revenge    B. understood    C. fetched    D. arrived

16. Get them! Don't let them escape!

A. fetch      B. score      C. catch      D. become

17. We are going to get married soon.

A. take revenge    B. buy      C. receive      D. become

18. Don't forget that we have to get to the meeting on time.

A. understand    B. fetch      C. receive      D. arrive

19. Oh wow! Such a nice jacket. Where did you get it?

A. buy      B. bring      C. contract      D. receive

20. Can you get me the ladder, please? I am trying to hang this painting on the wall.

A. buy      B. score      C. fetch      D. acquire