

100 Collocations and 30 Different Meanings of Get

# get...

On this page there are 30 different meanings of the verb **get** (in red), not including phrasal verbs and idioms. That's why there are so many possible collocations. The most common meanings of **get** are: *achieve, acquire, arrive, become, bring, catch, receive, and understand.*

Literal Phrases:

angry about sth (**become**)  
 back (**return**)  
 the bus (**take, catch**)  
 Channel 5 (**receive** a TV or radio broadcast)  
 a cold (catch)  
 a criminal (catch, **hold, apprehend**)  
 a cup of tea (**bring**)  
 dinner (**make, cook, prepare**)  
 divorced (become)  
 sby to do sth (**ask, persuade**)  
 a doctor (**call, request**)  
 the door (**answer**)  
 dressed (become)  
 drunk (become)  
 excited (become)  
 a grade (**achieve, earn, receive**)  
 help (call for, ask)  
 home (**arrive**)  
 an idea (receive)  
 ill (become)  
 in (enter, e.g. a car)  
 some information (**find out, discover, receive**)  
 a job (**find**)  
 a letter (receive)  
 lost (become)  
 married (become)  
 some money (receive, earn)  
 a nappy (**fetch, procure**)  
 a new book (**buy, borrow**)  
 off (disembark, e.g. bus, train, plane, etc.)  
 on (alight, e.g. bus, train, plane, etc.)  
 out (leave)  
 permission (ask, request, **acquire**)  
 the phone (answer)  
 pregnant (become)  
 a program (**download, install**)  
 punished (be)  
 ready (become)  
 a reward (receive)  
 rich (become)  
 a shower (**have**)  
 started (start, begin)  
 there (arrive)  
 through (contact, e.g. on the phone)  
 to sby (reach sby)  
 together (meet)  
 up (stand up, rise)  
 upset about sth (become)  
 used to sth (become)  
 wet (become)

Idioms:

about (travel frequently)  
 across (communicate)  
 your act together (improve your behaviour)  
 ahead (do better in life than other people)  
 at (suggest)  
 at sby (annoy sby, criticise)  
 away! (I don't believe you!)  
 away from (avoid)  
 away from it all (go on holiday)  
 sth back (have sth returned)  
 back to normal (return to a normal state)  
 sby's back up (annoy sby)  
 behind (support)  
 better (recover)  
 busy (become)  
 by (manage, esp. with little money)  
 cold feet (become unsure about doing sth)  
 down (become depressed)  
 down (dance)  
 down to sth (begin)  
 far (achieve a lot)  
 the hang of sth (learn how to do sth)  
 a head start (start sth before other people)  
 into sth (begin liking sth)  
 it (understand sth)  
 it in the neck (be told off)  
 a kick out of sth (enjoy, esp. sth negative)  
 a life (improve your life)  
 a load of sth (look at sth very interesting)  
 lost! (rude way to tell sby to leave)  
 the message (understand)  
 your money's worth (get a fair amount of sth)  
 a move on (hurry up)  
 moving (start)  
 nowhere (make no progress)  
 off on the wrong foot (start sth in a negative way)  
 on sby's nerves (annoy sby)  
 on with sby (have a good relationship)  
 out of sth (avoid doing sth unappealing)  
 sth out of sth (gain sth useful from a situation)  
 over sth (accept a negative situation, recover)  
 over yourself! (don't be so self-important)  
 people going (make people excited, tease)  
 rid of sth (dispose of)  
 the sack (lose your job)  
 somewhere (make progress)  
 through (survive, e.g. a difficult situation)  
 to (arrive, reach)  
 to sby (irritate sby)  
 told off (receive a verbal warning)