Test Your Grammar Skills

20 Different Meanings of Get

Get is one of the most common verbs in English, with many different meanings – especially when you consider all the phrasal verbs and idioms that use it!

Here are twenty different meanings of the verb get. Match each one to a sentence below:

achieve	become	catch	force	reach
annoy	bring	detain	pay	receive
answer	buy	earn	persuade	take
attack	call	experience	prepare	understand

- 1. I got the grade I needed for my assignment last week.
- 2. Can you get me a cup of tea please, love?
- 3. What time do you think they'll get home?
- 4. I'm sure things will get better in the end.
- 5. Mum will be getting dinner while I'm at swimming practice.
- 6. Don't worry the police got the car thief red-handed.
- 7. "Don't worry about lunch I'll get it." "Are you sure?" "Yes, it's on me."
- 8. Those bigger boys got Ben to give them his lunch money yesterday.
- 9. Tony will have to get the bus tomorrow, because his car is off the road.
- 10. Can you help me with this maths homework? I just don't get it.
- 11. We've got the suspect locked up in the cells downstairs.
- 12. We had to get the doctor out last night, because we were so worried about Roy.
- 13. Laura was running for the bus when she got a sudden pain in her foot.
- 14. "Why is your dog's leg bleeding?" "Another dog got him on the way home."
- 15. I got a really nice letter from my great grandma last week.
- 16. The fact that you don't listen gets me every time!
- 17. My mate's getting that new computer game from the shop later today.
- 18. I got my friend to join the new book club at the library.
- 19. I'm getting five pounds a week for looking after Mrs. Reynolds's cat.
- 20. Can you get the phone please I'm busy!