GET

One verb. Everyday English.

A2 lesson + written and speaking practice

get a message get tired get home

What does “get” mean here?

I got a message.	Someone sent it to me.
I got tired.	I needed a rest.
I got home at six.	My journey finished at home.

The forms of get

Present: get / gets Past: got -ing: getting

I get the bus every morning.

Mia gets the bus, too.

Yesterday, we got the bus together.

Today, we are getting a taxi.

Questions and negatives

do / does / did + get

Do you get many messages?

She doesn’t get the train to work.

What time did you get home?

We didn’t get any milk.

Get + a thing: receive

Something comes to you.

I got a postcard from my cousin.

Do you get many emails at work?

Sam gets a birthday card every year.

What do you usually get for your birthday?

Get + a thing: buy or obtain

You buy something or manage to have it.

I got this jacket at the market. = bought

Lena got a new job. = found a job

He studied hard and got a good mark.

What was the last thing you got in a shop?

Get + a thing: bring

You go and bring something back.

The plates are in the kitchen. Can you get them?

Can you get me a towel, please?

I'll get you some water.

The window is open and you are cold. Ask for a blanket.

Get + transport: take

We can get a bus, a train or a taxi.

Let’s get a taxi to the theatre.

We got the last train on Friday.

Which bus do you get to school?

Which transport do you usually get?

The situation gives you the meaning

“I got some coffee.”

AT THE SHOP

I paid for it.
get = buy

IN THE KITCHEN

I brought it to you.
get = bring

Get + adjective: a change

get + adjective = become / start to feel or be

I get nervous before a test.

Put on a coat. It’s getting cold.

We got hungry after our walk.

When do you get tired? When do you get excited?

Be tired or get tired?

A state

I am tired.

This is how I feel now.

A change

I get tired.

I start to feel tired.

Useful expressions for changes

Learn these expressions together.

get dressed = put your clothes on

get married = become someone’s husband or wife

get better = improve / feel less ill

get lost = lose your way

Get to + place: arrive

get to school / work / the station / Madrid

We got to the cinema at eight.

What time do you get to work?

EXCEPTIONS: get home / get here / get there

How long does it take you to get home?

Practice time

What can you do with get?

Meaning, form and word order

Then a conversation and a short story

1 Which meaning?

Match each sentence to a meaning. Use each meaning once.

A receive B buy C bring D take E become F arrive

1. I got a reply from the hotel.

2. Please get my bag from the bedroom.

3. We got the bus instead of walking.

4. I got this hat for €10.

5. It’s getting warm. 6. We got to the beach at noon.

2 The right form

Complete with get, gets, got or getting.

1. My sister _____ nervous before exams.
2. We _____ a taxi last night.
3. It is _____ dark. Let’s go inside.
4. Did you _____ my message?
5. I didn’t _____ a ticket.
6. He usually _____ home before me.

3 A change or an arrival?

Add to if you need it. Write – if you need no extra word.

1. We got _____ the airport early.
2. What time did you get _____ home?
3. Please call me when you get _____ there.
4. They got _____ hungry after the game.
5. How do you get _____ work?
6. My grandparents got _____ married in 1970.

4 Correct or change?

Some sentences are correct. Correct the mistakes in the others.

1. Did you got a good mark?
2. I get to home at seven.
3. She gets tired after lunch.
4. It is get cold in here.
5. Can you get me a spoon?
6. We didn’t got any bread.

5 The same meaning

Rewrite with get or got. Keep the meaning.

1. I received an invitation yesterday.
2. We arrived at the museum at ten.
3. She became angry when she saw the mess.
4. Can you bring me my glasses?
5. They bought a new sofa last week.
6. I took a taxi to the hotel.

6 A conversation with get

Take turns asking. Give details and ask a follow-up question.

1. What time do you get home on weekdays?
2. What do you do when you get bored?
3. When did you last get a present? What was it?
4. Do you get nervous before an exam or interview?
5. Where do you usually get your clothes?
6. When did you last get lost? What happened?

7 A very unusual Saturday

Write 5–7 sentences. Use at least five expressions.

get a message get a taxi get lost
get hungry get to a place get home
get a present get tired

Start: “Last Saturday, I got a strange message…”

Answers

Time to compare

Explain your choices before checking.

Answers 1–2

Meanings and verb forms

1: 1 A receive 2 C bring 3 D take

4 B buy 5 E become 6 F arrive

2: 1 gets 2 got 3 getting

4 get 5 get 6 gets

After did / didn’t, use get.

Use gets with he, she and it in the present simple.

Answers 3–4

Places, changes and common mistakes

3: 1 to 2 – 3 – 4 – 5 to 6 –

4: 1 Did you get a good mark?

2 I get home at seven.

3 Correct. 4 It is getting cold in here.

5 Correct. 6 We didn’t get any bread.

Use get home, get here and get there.

Answers 5

Possible complete answers

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