



Expressions with "get"

The word *get* is one of the most intriguing words of the English language. It can have many different meanings; it will depend on the context and on the other words it comes paired with. Here you will find a few common expressions that use the word *get*.

1 - Match the sentences below to the correct description of the expressions in bold:

1. Most women say that men have difficulties to **get their message across** because they are terrible at expressing their feelings.
2. Do you think it's easier for men or women to **get ahead** at work?
3. My ex-boyfriend was the kind of person who couldn't forget anything. Every time I hurt his feelings he found a way to **get back at** me by doing something to make me really upset.
4. I know you are feeling bad now, but I'm sure you'll **get over** this as soon as you find another job.
5. Do you have a phone number or an e-mail address so that I can **get in touch with** you?
6. Ok, everybody, it's time to **get down to business**. We're very late with the project.
7. My kids really **get a kick out of** playing outside. I'm glad they don't like videogames that much.

- a) to succeed
- b) get revenge
- c) to communicate something
- d) recover from; to overcome
- e) really enjoy doing something
- f) start working seriously
- g) to reach; to contact



2 - Look at what the people below are saying to you. Answer to them by using one of the expressions with get from task 1.

1) A: Do you think it's fair that men make more money than women at work? (get ahead)

B: _____

2) A: What was your favorite thing about your trip to Europe? (get a kick out of)

B: _____

3) A: Do you think Jane will go to her ex-boyfriend's party this weekend? (get over)

B: _____

4) A: Have you seen Mary lately. I haven't talked to her in months! (get in touch with)

B: _____

Answer key:

1. communicate
2. succeed
3. get revenge
4. recover from; to overcome
5. reach; to contact
6. start working seriously
7. really enjoy doing something