5 Ways to Use “Get” in English

A Phrasal Verb Lesson
Our Method

Step 1
Listen to a real Conversation

Step 2
Focus on New Vocabulary Words

Step 3
Listen to a dialogue

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Use Your New Skills

Step 6
Practice with a native speaker
Step 1: How Did You Get Through this Winter?

“Get” is one of the most common verbs in the English language. Find out how it is used in 5 different situations in this conversation.

Please view Transcript Step 1-How Did You Get Through this Winter?
Step 2: Focus on New Vocabulary Words

- Get along
- Get into
- Get through
- Get over
- Get ahead
Get into

Phrasal verb

To begin to pursue a hobby or a career field, to enter

“How did you get into tai chi?”
Get ahead

Phrasal verb

To advance in a specific field or competitive area

“A good education can help you get ahead in the workforce”
Get along

Phrasal verb

To have a good relationship with someone

“Do you get along with your younger brother?”
Get through

Phrasal verb

To survive a difficult situation, to overcome

“I don’t know how we got through this winter.”
Get over

Phrasal verb

To overcome, to stop feeling bad about something or concerned about something

“It took her 2 months to get over her boyfriend when he dumped her.”
Step 3: Do You Get Along with Your Colleagues?

Listen to a new employee describe her new workplace in this conversation.

Listen to Audio Steps 3 and 4- Do You Get Along with Your Colleagues?
Step 4: Focus on the Vocabulary Phrases

Learn the new vocabulary in context!

Please open Transcript Steps 3 and 4 – Do You Get Along with your Colleagues?

- “Did you get through your first week?”
- “Do you get along with your colleagues?”
- “A lot of them are trying to get ahead in their careers.”
- “I realized that I was missing out on time with my family and I got over it.”
- “How did you get into your field by the way?”
Bonus! Say It Another Way!

Learn how to say the phrases in a different way!

Click on the file “Say It Another Way”
A: Hey I’m sorry to hear about your breakup. Are you ok?
B: Yeah, I’m feeling better.
A: How did you ___1___ (overcome) it?

A: How do you like your roommate? Do you two ___2___ (have a good relationship)?
B: Yeah, pretty much. I am lucky.

A: How can I ___3___ (advance) in my field?
B: You could go to more conferences and do a lot of networking.
A: Oh great idea. I think I’ll try that.
Answers to Step 5 Quiz

1) Get over it?
2) Get along?
3) Get ahead
Prepare Your Vocabulary Cards

- Get over
- Get ahead
- Get along
- Get into
- Get through
Step 6: Practice with a Native

- What is your current career field? How did you get into that field? Did someone or some event influence you to get into it? What have you done in the last year to get ahead in your field? (networking, taking on extra projects, etc.)

Bonus Conversation 1: Please use the phrases from Say It Another Way (A= friend, B= friend)

A: (student) What do you do for work?
B: I am a wedding photographer.
A: Oh nice! How did you ____ (get into) that?
B: My brother introduced me to photography when I was ten and I have been doing it ever since.
A: So you have your own business huh? That must be tough. How do you ____ (get ahead) in your market?
B: I have created my own niche. I only photograph intercultural weddings so there’s not much competition.
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Practice with a Native

- When you first met your spouse or partner, did you get along immediately? Did the two of you get through a lot of arguments or challenges when you first started dating? Please share some examples if you want.
- Have you ever gotten your heart broken? How did you get over it?

Bonus Conversation 2: Please use the phrases from Say It Another Way (A= friend, B= friend)

A: (student) So did you ___ (get along) with your partner when you first met him or her?
B: No, we used to fight a lot, but then we faced a huge challenge together and we ____ (got through) it and that made our relationship stronger.
A: Oh that’s nice. And have you ever experienced real heartbreak in a different relationship?
B: Yes, only once but it took me 3 months to _____ (get over) it.
Answers to Bonus Conversation 2

**Bonus Conversation 2: Please use the phrases from Say It Another Way** (A= friend, B= friend)

A: (student) So did you communicate well with your partner when you first met him or her?

B: No, we used to fight a lot, but then we faced a huge challenge together and we survived it and that made our relationship stronger.

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Practice with a Native

- Please discuss one big, challenging event that you have gotten through in your life. How did you get through it? How did that challenge shape you as a person? How did it make you smarter and stronger for the future?

- What types of people do you get along with? Why? How is that type of personality similar to or different from your own personality?

- Please name one new hobby or activity that you have gotten into in the last few years. Why did you decide to get into it? How has it changed your life?

- Describe the season that has the most intense weather in your home country. Please give three pieces of advice to help someone get through that season in your country.
Practice with a Native

- Name one successful person that you admire. How did that person get ahead? What can you learn from him or her?
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