

**Get 1** ★★☆☆

**Get** is a 'chameleon' word (The Oxford English Dictionary lists over 130 meanings)  
Here are three meanings (related, because they're all about change):

1 **Get** = become (change slowly)



***They're getting tired!***

*get ready, get old, get rich, get tall...*

2 **Get** = have, obtain (INFORMAL)



***Can I get a coffee?***

*get a job, get a new coat, get a prize...*

3 **Get** = understand



***I get it!***

***I don't get it!***

*I get what you mean; he explained it all, but I didn't get it*

We have four Grammar Bites on *get*: 126, 127, 128 and 129.

**Quick check**

**Choose 1 (become), 2 (obtain) or 3 (understand):**

- 1 Jim got a new job last week.
- 2 I had to read it three times, but finally I got it.
- 3 "Take an umbrella, or you'll get wet."
- 4 Some people get wiser as they get older, others don't.
- 5 If you work hard you'll get a raise.

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