

**Get 2** ★★☆☆

**Get** is a 'chameleon' word (The Oxford English Dictionary lists over 130 meanings)

Here are several meanings (they're all about going, but with difficulty):

1 **Get in/out** = enter/exit (with difficulty)



**He could hardly get in the car!**

*The thief got in the house through the window.  
(The owner **went in** through the door)  
Stevens was in prison, but he got out last week.*

2 **Get on/off** = mount/descend (with difficulty)



**If you want to change the light bulb,  
get on the table**

*She got on her bike and cycled away  
Get on / off the bus / train (not difficult today, but it **was** difficult)  
Also: How are you getting on? I'm doing well, thank you.*

3 **Get up/down** = climb (that's usually a bit difficult)



**Getting up is a struggle for a 15 year old!**

*He got up the ladder and in through the window*

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

---

**Quick check**

**Complete these sentences with *in, out, off, up* or *down*:**

- 1 "What are you doing up that tree? You'll have to get \_\_\_\_\_ now."
- 2 The taxi stopped and she got \_\_\_\_\_ and sat down.
- 3 "Stay on the bus until you pass the Eiffel Tower, then get \_\_\_\_\_ at the third stop."
- 4 He had detention after school, and didn't get \_\_\_\_\_ until five o'clock.
- 5 He usually gets \_\_\_\_\_ at 6 am, has breakfast and a shower, and leaves at 7.30.

