

## Worksheet GB No. 46

### Grammar Bite 46: "I get / got or I've got?" ☆☆☆

(☆☆ = Basic ☆☆☆ = Intermediate ☆☆☆☆ = Advanced)

#### Activity

Put one of these words in each blank:

**get got 's got 've got**

1 "I \_\_\_\_\_ some money; let's go to a movie."

2 "Can I \_\_\_\_\_ a coffee?"

3 She \_\_\_\_\_ three children, two girls and a boy.

4 "Hey, I \_\_\_\_\_ a raise last week! Yippee!"

5 Come on, we \_\_\_\_\_ time for another round.

**get got 's got 've got**

6 All he had intended to do was bridge the gap until they \_\_\_\_\_  
a new chairman

7 Yes, you \_\_\_\_\_ rights and you need support

8 Last summer the school \_\_\_\_\_ its first brush-up for more than a  
decade

9 Today the dikes \_\_\_\_\_ all the credit for keeping the water out  
of the Dutch farm land.

10 It's up to Kendall to show he \_\_\_\_\_ the leadership qualities  
we need.

**get got 's got 've got**

11 As well as the house we live in, we \_\_\_\_\_ a property in  
Mexico.

12 If what you buy is stolen or damaged, you'll \_\_\_\_\_ your  
money back

13 She \_\_\_\_\_ a great voice, I think she can have a career as a  
singer.

14 "You're all I \_\_\_\_\_, all I've ever wanted". (popular song)

15 She \_\_\_\_\_ a good result in her exam six months ago.

#### Notes

**Got and have got:  
two aspects of get**

##### Get / got

Here we use *get / got* to mean 'obtain',  
which is a common use:

*I'm **getting** a new car today!*

*She **got** second place in the 100 m*

Neutral. All tenses.

##### (ha)s got, (ha)ve got

We use '*s got*, '*ve got* to mean *have* or  
*possess* **in the present**:

*Sorry, I haven't got time*

*She's got two brothers.*

Informal, usually contracted ('*ve*, '*s*).  
Present tense only

##### Note on Get

*Get* is a "chameleon" verb, and takes  
on many different meanings :

- Obtain (as above)
- Possess (*have got*, as above)
- understand ("*I don't get it*")
- reach, or catch (*get the train*)
- prepare a meal (*get lunch*)  
and more...

Also a copula: *get ready*, *get hot*, *get  
old*, *get drunk* and more...

And many phrasal verbs: *get in*, *get on*,  
*get up*, *get down*, *get over* and more...

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