

Phrasal verbs with get

Read the dialogue. Are Peter and Susan enjoying working on their latest film?

Who: Peter Susan
Where: On the set of their latest film.
Talking about: Working on their latest film

S: What are you **getting up** to at the weekend?

P: I am going out with Tom and Catherine even though I don't get on with them that well. How about you?

S: Not much I guess. I'm still getting over the flu. Do you think I can get away with taking Monday off?

P: You can ask the director.... but probably not. He's the worst director I've ever worked with. He's really getting at us, isn't he?

S: Yes, I wish we could get rid of him.

P: Yes, you're right. I'm glad we got out of doing that last scene today because of the bad weather. We got off lightly for once.

S: Yes, I've tried to get through to him that we are working too hard.

P: I know, but we shouldn't get too wound up about it. After all we are earning 17 million each for this film.

Read the dialogue again. Underline all the phrasal verbs with *get*.

E.g. He's really getting at us, isn't he?

Vocabulary matching

Match the phrasal verbs from the dialogue with the correct definition

e.g. **A. Get up to** - do (Note: st= something, so= someone)

Phrasal Verb	Answer	Meaning
A. get up to	7)	1) be successful in something
B. get on with (so)		2) Avoid something you don't want to do
C. get over (st,so)		3) Get angry about something
D. get away with (st)		4) recover from
E. get at (so)		5) To experience less suffering than expected
F. get rid of (st,so)		6) Successfully explain something
G. get out of (doing st)		7) do
H. get off lightly		8) have a good relationship
I. get through to (so)		9) criticise someone repeatedly
J. get wound up (about st)		10) Remove/throw away something unwanted

Gap fill

Complete the sentences with the following phrasal verbs in the correct form.

get rid of get through to get off lightly get out of get away with
get up to get on with get over get wound up get at ×

E.g. *My mum is always **getting at** me to start a family.*

- 1) I think criminals _____ in this country. They never get sent to prison for long enough.
- 2) This washing machine is too old. We need to _____ it.
- 3) I don't know how we managed to win. We should never have got that penalty. We really _____ it this time.
- 4) He still hasn't _____ losing his job. I've never seen him so depressed.
- 5) I _____ doing that boring project because I said I was too busy.
- 6) I can't _____ my students about the importance of speaking English. They only want to do written grammar exercises.
- 7) I didn't _____ much last weekend. I just stayed in and watched DVDs.
- 8) I _____ by the neighbour's dog. He's always barking and keeps me awake at night. I'm getting really angry.
- 9) I don't _____ my mother – in- law. She's always telling me what to do and she is really annoying.

Get speaking cards

1) What lies have you told to get out of doing something?

2) Who gets at you? What about?

3) Tell about how you got over a disappointment

4) Is there anyone who you find it difficult to get through to?
What's the problem?

5) Is there anyone you don't get on with at
work/school/university? What's the problem?

6) Tell us about a time when you did something bad at school
and you got off lightly.

7) What did you get up to last weekend?

8) How well do you get on with everyone in your family?

9) Do you prefer to get rid of old things or keep them forever?

10) When was the last time you got wound up? What about?