10 Get/got/got

A Get with adjectives: for changes
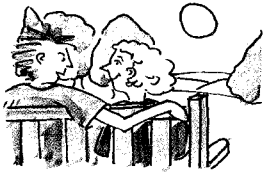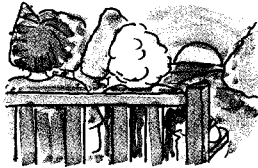
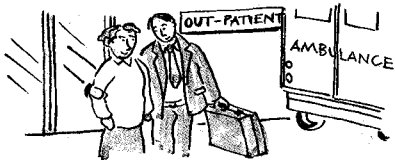It's light. ──────▶ It's **getting** dark. ──────▶ It's dark.

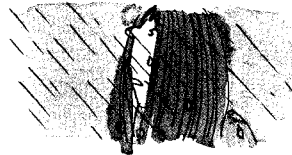She's ill. ──────▶ She's **getting** better. ──────▶ She's better. / She's well.
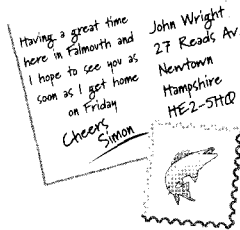
I'm **getting** tired. I want to go to bed.

It's raining! I'm **getting** wet!

B Get with nouns

If you **don't have** something you can **get** it.

I want to send a postcard. I **have** to **get** a stamp.
I've finished my studies. Now I want to **get** a job.
My friend is ill! Please **get** a doctor.
Do you want a drink? I can **get** some coffee.
I'm going to the shop to **get** a newspaper.
Where can I **get** a taxi?

*Having a great time
here in Falmouth and
I hope to see you as
soon as I get home
on Friday*
*Cheers
Simon*

*John Wright
27 Reads Av.
Newtown
Hampshire
HE 2-5HQ*

C Get to (arrive at / reach a place)

How can I **get to** the airport? Take the airport bus at the bus station.
When you **get to** New York, ring me. OK, give me your number.

D Other phrases with get

Maria and David are **getting married** in April.
When you **get back** from Hong Kong,
   ring me. (= return / come home)
(See also **get up** in Unit 23.)

When I **get home**, I have my lunch.
I **get there** at 6 o'clock, so please
   ring me at 6.30.
[NOT get ~~to~~ home or get ~~to~~ there.]

Exercises

10.1 Complete these sentences using (a), (b) or (c).

1 I studied too much and I got (a) hot (b) tired (c) sick.
2 I ate too much and I got   (a) hot (b) tired (c) sick.
3 I sat in the sun too much and I got (a) hot (b) tired (c) sick.

10.2 Complete these sentences using *get* and a word from the box.

| better   light   dark   cold   wet |

1 The sun is going down. It's *getting dark*.
2 When the sun comes up it ....
3 She's in hospital but she ....
4 It's raining! I ....!
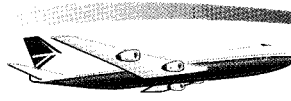5 Please close the window. I ....

10.3 What/Who do you *get* if ...

1 you want to post a letter? *a stamp*
2 somebody is ill?
3 you want a drink of water?
4 you want to write something down?
5 you want to read the news?
6 you want to go to the airport?
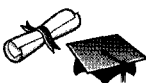7 you want to earn some money?

10.4 Fill the gaps in these sentences.

Singapore (dep 0545)   Paris (arr 1230)
1 This plane .... Paris at 1230.

university   (25 minutes)   my house
2 The bus from the university .... my house in 25 minutes.

hotel   airport
3 How .... the airport? Take a taxi. The bus is very slow!

10.5 Answer the questions.

1 In your country, how old are people when they get married?
2 When do people get married? Which day? Which month(s)?
3 What time do you get home every day? How do you get there?
4 Fill the gap: Now you can look at the key and .... the answers!