

Get – business:answers

Before you read these answers, go to the Stratford Teachers blog and watch the video called *Get –business* then try the activities.

1) Before you read the script: Which three meanings of **get** did you also hear in the informal dialogue?

possession

receive

return to

2) Now listen and read the script again.

○ Which **get** means ‘connect to’?

getting his voicemail

○ Which **get** means ‘become’?

got a lot worse

3) There are a lot idiomatic uses of **get**.

There are some in the conversation. Match each idiom to the correct definition. Use the transcript to help you.

1 get sidetracked

a reach by phone or email

2 get hold of

b become out of control

3 get to grips with

c be severely criticised

4 get underway

d digress

5 get hammered

e start

6 get out of hand

f gain control of

1 d, 2 a, 3 f, 4 e, 5 c, 6 b

See the next page for the transcript with all the examples of **get** highlighted.

Get – business:transcript

A:What time's the meeting?

B:In half an hour. **Have** you **got** a copy of the agenda yet?

A:Yeah, I **got** an email yesterday.

B:I hope it's more successful than last month's – we really **got sidetracked** over the budget issues, didn't we?

A:Yeah, we wasted a lot of time . And when we finally **got back to** the point, John had to leave early.

B:Do you know what it was about? Is he coming today?

A:No idea -- I've been trying to **get hold of** him all day but I keep **getting** his voicemail!

B:I heard the production department are trying to **get to grips with** the schedule for the new project.

A:Well, the last one finally **got underway** six weeks late!

B:Yeah, I think the Board are all worried that they'll **get hammered** by the shareholders at the next AGM.

A:Well, the financial position has **got** a lot **worse** over the last few months so they'll have to do something before things **get out of hand**.