

## Vocabulary and speaking

### Common verbs – get

- The verb *get* has many different uses. Look at the cartoon. Explain what's happened. Why is it funny?
- Look at the examples of *get* from this unit. Replace the words in **bold** with one of the words or phrases below.

become begin marry pass reach return listen to this  
were reunited haven't had a good relationship

- Well, **get this!** I've won!
- We **haven't been getting on well** for ages.
- I think we should **get married**.
- She had to **get back** to Sweden.
- He managed to **get past** the border guards.
- He could **get** very close to people quickly.
- PK and Lotta **got together again**.
- My goal was just to **get to** Lotta.
- Let's **get started!**

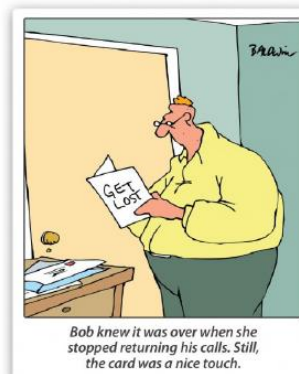
### Phrasal verbs with get

- Get* can combine with particles to make phrasal verbs. Complete each group of sentences with one particle from the box below. (Careful, only six of the particles are used.)

at away into off on out over round through up

1	If news of this gets You always get I'm in a hurry! Get	_____	, there'll be a huge scandal! of doing the washing-up. It's not fair! of the way!
2	You're always getting What are you getting I can't get	_____	me! Leave me alone! ? Just say what you mean! the sugar. It's on the top shelf.
3	It took him ages to get He couldn't get his point I can't get	_____	the operation. to the audience. They didn't understand. how much your children have grown!
4	We got That man is getting I had to get	_____	to page 56 in the last lesson. to no good. I think he's a thief! at 5 a.m. to catch the plane.
5	I couldn't get I failed, but Bob got We got	_____	to Joe. His phone was switched off. his driving test first time. loads of money on our holiday.
6	She can always get Sorry! I haven't got I can't see how we get	_____	her dad! She gets exactly what she wants. to answering your email yet. this problem. It's really difficult.

7.12 Listen and check.



- Find a phrasal verb in 3 which can be replaced by ...
  - avoid
  - criticizing
  - recover
  - explain
  - behaving suspiciously
  - passed
  - spent
  - solve

### Talking about you

- Ask and answer these questions with a partner.
  - How do you get on with your parents?
  - What have you got to do when you get home tonight?
  - How do you usually get in touch with friends and family?
  - When did you last get angry? Why?
  - What are two things that always get on your nerves?
  - How often do you get your hair cut?
  - In what ways is your English getting better?
  - Are you worried about getting old?
- Try to rewrite the questions in 5 without using *get*. Is *get* generally more formal or informal?