EPISODE 008

GET Phrasal Verbs with a Story

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Have you noticed how often English speakers use the word **GET**? You hear it everywhere. But when we add another word, the meaning can change.

We say get up, get back, get along, and many other things. Today, I'll help you understand some useful **expressions with GET**.

Then, we'll practice them with a Point of View lesson. You'll hear a story in different ways. Just listen and enjoy.

Let's begin with **GET UP**. You wake up when you stop sleeping. But you get up when you leave your bed.

Maybe you wake up at seven, but you get up at seven fifteen. That extra time in bed can be wonderful, right?

Next, **GET IN** and **GET OUT OF**. You get in a car when you enter it. And you get out of a car when you leave it.

For a bus or train, we usually say get on and get off. For example, "I get on the bus at eight and get off near my office."

Now, GET BACK. It means to return to a place. You can say, "I'll call you when I get back."

Or maybe you leave your house, forget your keys, and have to go back home. That's not a great way to start the day!

Another useful expression is **GET ALONG**. When you get along with someone, you have a good relationship.

"I get along well with my sister." Or, "Do you get along with your coworkers?"

Here's **GET BY**. It means you can manage, even when something is not easy or perfect.

Maybe your English is not perfect yet, but you can get by when you travel. You can ask questions, buy a ticket, and order food. That's already useful English.

Next, **GET OVER**. It means to feel better after something difficult, or to stop feeling afraid of something.

For example, "It took me a week to get over my cold." Or, "She wants to get over her fear of speaking English."

And finally, **GET TOGETHER**. This means to meet someone, often to spend time together. "Let's get together for coffee next week."

You don't need to memorize all these expressions right now. You'll hear many of them again in our story. That's how they become more familiar.

Now, let's meet Alice.

Alice has a very important presentation at work today. Her alarm rings at six. She wakes up, but she doesn't get up right away.

She wants five more minutes in bed. Of course, five minutes become fifteen! Finally, she gets up, drinks her coffee, and gets in her car.

Then she remembers something. Her notes are still at home! She turns around, gets back home, and gets out of the car.

She finds her notes on the kitchen table. Now she can leave again. But there's traffic everywhere. Alice is nervous about being late.

She tries to get over her fear and thinks, "I can do this." At the office, she sees Sam. They get along very well.

Sam smiles and tells her, "You'll be fine." Alice doesn't have much time to prepare, but she knows she can get by with her notes.

And the presentation goes well! Later, her boss calls her into his office and offers her a better job.

Alice can hardly believe it. Sam says, "Let's get together on Saturday to celebrate!"

What a morning. It started badly, but it ended very well.

Point of View

Grammar Practice

Now, let's practice with a Point of View lesson. First, imagine Alice is telling you what happened yesterday.

POINT OF VIEW 1 — "I" IN THE PAST

Yesterday, I had an important presentation at work. My alarm rang at six. I woke up, but I didn't get up right away.

I wanted five more minutes in bed. But five minutes became fifteen! Finally, I got up, drank my coffee, and got in my car.

Then I remembered something terrible. My notes were still at home! I turned around and got back home.

I got out of the car and ran into the kitchen. There were my notes, right on the table.

I picked them up and got in the car again. But there was traffic everywhere. I was afraid I would be late.

I tried to get over my fear. I told myself, "I can do this." When I arrived at the office, I saw Sam.

We got along very well, and he knew I was nervous. He smiled and said, "You'll be fine."

I didn't have much time to prepare. But I knew I could get by with the notes I had. And my presentation went well!

Later, my boss called me into his office. He offered me a better job. I could hardly believe it!

Sam said, "Let's get together on Saturday to celebrate!" What a morning. It started badly, but it ended very well.

POINT OF VIEW 2 — "THEY" IN THE FUTURE

Now, let's imagine Alice and Sam will give an important presentation together tomorrow. Listen to how the story changes when we talk about two people in the future.

Tomorrow, Alice and Sam will have an important presentation at work. They will get up early because they won't want to be late.

Their alarms will ring at six in the morning. They will wake up, but they won't get up right away.

They will want five more minutes in bed. And those five minutes will probably become fifteen!

Finally, they will get up and drink their coffee. Then Sam will meet Alice at her house.

They will get in the car and start driving. But wait! Alice will remember something terrible. Her notes will still be on the kitchen table!

They will turn around and get back to her house. They will get out of the car, and Alice will run inside.

She will find the notes right where she left them. Then they will get in the car again.

Of course, there will be traffic everywhere. They will be worried about arriving late. But they will try to get over their fear.

They will tell themselves, "We can do this!" When they arrive at the office, they will have very little time to prepare.

Luckily, they will get along well and help each other. They will know they can get by with the notes they have.

And their presentation will go really well! Later, their boss will ask them to get together in his office.

Alice and Sam will be nervous. Will something be wrong? No! Their boss will have wonderful news.

He will offer them an important new project and a raise! They will be so happy!

After work, they will get together to celebrate. What a day it will be!

Remember, you don't need to learn everything at once. Little by little, English will become easier to understand and use.

Review

Vocabulary Review

Review the 12 key words and expressions before listening again.

01 **get up** leave your bed after sleeping.	07 **get back** return to a place.
02 **wake up** stop sleeping.	08 **get along** have a good relationship with someone.
03 **get in** enter a car or taxi.	09 **get by** manage when something is not easy.
04 **get out of** leave a car or taxi.	10 **get over** feel better after something difficult.
05 **get on** enter a bus, train, or plane.	11 **get together** meet and spend time together.
06 **get off** leave a bus, train, or plane.	12 **a raise** more money from your job.

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