

The verb **get** is often overused. Try to avoid repeating it too often by consulting the list of synonyms below.

get something, eg money

acquire	obtain
earn	receive

get something, eg a prize

achieve	gain	win
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get someone to do something

coax	influence	urge
convince	persuade	
induce	sway	

get someone or something from somewhere

acquire	fetch	seize
catch	procure	
collect	secure	

get to a destination

arrive	reach
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come to be (rich, etc)

become	grow
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get to do something

arrange	organize
manage	succeed



understand something

comprehend

realize

get a disease

catch

contract

pick up

come down with

develop

In the following passage, there are some suggestions for how synonyms from the list might be used to avoid repeating **get** (and its forms **getting** and **got**).

From: Emma
To: Pete
Cc:
Subject: Paul's visit

received persuade
 I just ~~got~~ an e-mail from Paul. He said he might be able to ~~get~~ his
 manage
 parents to let him visit for my birthday. I hope he can ~~get~~ to do it.
 buy
 I've asked him to ~~get~~ the latest CD by that new French band. I'm
 understood
 not sure if he ~~got~~ what I was asking for, because my French isn't
 arrive
 that good. He's supposed to ~~get~~ here on the 28 June.

come down with fetch
 I must go, my mother has ~~got~~ the flu and I have to ~~get~~ my brother
 from football practice.

Talk soon

Emma