



Uses of Get:

Get + Past Participle: Passive & State Changes

Fill in the blank with the correct option.

- They got ____ in a small church in the countryside.
a) married
b) marry
c) marrying
d) marriage
- He got ____ from his job because he was always late.
a) fired
b) fire
c) firing
d) fires
- We got ____ in the old town because the streets all looked the same.
a) lose
b) losing
c) loss
d) lost
- Hurry up and get ____! We're leaving in five minutes.
a) dress
b) dressed
c) dressing
d) dresses
- The window ____ broken during the storm last night.
a) got
b) went
c) had
d) became
- Two people got ____ in the car accident yesterday.
a) hurt
b) hurting
c) hurts
d) hurted
- She got ____ for speeding on the motorway.
a) arrest
b) arresting
c) arrested
d) arrests
- Don't leave your bike outside — it might get ____.
a) steal
b) stole
c) stealing
d) stolen
- They're getting ____ next June. The invitations are already sent.
a) marry
b) marriage
c) marrying
d) married
- He ____ paid every two weeks at his new company.
a) does
b) gets
c) has
d) goes
- The cake ____ eaten before I even had a slice!
a) had
b) went
c) got
d) came



Answers

1. a) married
2. a) fired
3. d) lost
4. b) dressed
5. a) got
6. a) hurt
7. c) arrested
8. d) stolen
9. d) married
10. b) gets
11. c) got
12. c) caught
13. b) engaged
14. c) dirty
15. d) damaged
16. b) divorced
17. c) towed
18. a) got
19. b) kicked out
20. d) punished



Explanations

1. “married” (a)

'Get married' uses 'get + past participle' to describe the event of marrying. They got married in a small church in the countryside.

2. “fired” (a)

'Get fired' means to be dismissed from a job. 'Get + past participle' is used for events that happen to someone. He got fired from his job because he was always late.

3. “lost” (d)

'Get lost' means to lose your way. We got lost in the old town because the streets all looked the same.

4. “dressed” (b)

'Get dressed' means to put on clothes. Hurry up and get dressed! We're leaving in five minutes.

5. “got” (a)

'Get + past participle' describes something happening to an object. The window got broken during the storm last night. 'Got broken' emphasises the event that caused the damage.

6. “hurt” (a)

'Get hurt' means to be injured. 'Hurt' is an irregular verb — the past participle is the same as the base form. Two people got hurt in the car accident yesterday.

7. “arrested” (c)

'Get arrested' means to be arrested by the police. She got arrested for speeding on the motorway.

8. “stolen” (d)

'Get stolen' means to be stolen. The past participle of 'steal' is 'stolen'. Don't leave your bike outside — it might get stolen.

9. “married” (d)

'Get married' (get + past participle) is the standard expression for the event of marrying. They're getting married next June.

10. “gets” (b)

'Get paid' means to receive payment for work. He gets paid every two weeks at his new company.

11. “got” (c)

'Get + past participle' emphasises an event that happened, often unexpectedly. The cake got eaten before I even had a slice! This expresses surprise or frustration.

12. “caught” (c)

'Get caught in the rain' means to be unexpectedly exposed to rain. I got caught in the rain and now my clothes are all wet.

13. “engaged” (b)

'Get engaged' means to agree to marry someone. She got engaged to a man she met at university.

14. “dirty” (c)

'Get dirty' uses 'get + adjective' (not past participle). The children got dirty playing football. Note: 'dirty' here is an adjective — this is the 'get + adjective = become' pattern.

15. “damaged” (d)

'Get damaged' means to become damaged / to be damaged. My phone got damaged when I dropped it in the swimming pool.

16. “divorced” (b)

'Get divorced' means to legally end a marriage. He got divorced after 15 years of marriage.

17. “towed” (c)

'Get towed' means to have your car removed by a tow truck. If you park here, your car will get towed.

18. “got” (a)

'Got delivered' emphasises the accidental nature of the event. The package got delivered to the wrong address by mistake.

19. “kicked out” (b)

'Get kicked out' means to be forced to leave. She got kicked out of the swimming pool because she was running. The past participle form 'kicked out' follows 'get'.

20. “punished” (d)

'Get punished' means to receive punishment / to be punished. Don't worry — you won't get punished for asking a question.