

Automotive English: Get Something Done! (Get Part Four)

I promise you that next week we will not talk about the verb get. This week—today—though, we're still talking about get. We're talking about one more meaning that the verb can have. . . and it's a very different meaning from the ones we've covered so far. We're talking about when other people do work for you! That's always good, right?

Before You Listen to the Recording

Think of all the maintenance you have to do for your car. How many of the things do you do yourself? Are there any things that a mechanic does for you? Do you have the vocabulary in English to describe all of these things? (If not, post a comment and I'll be glad to help you.)

When you've thought about it, start the recording.

After You Listen to the Recording

How much of your car maintenance do you do yourself? And how much do you get done? Can you change the oil yourself, or do you get your oil changed? (Changing the oil is the one thing I wanted to learn to do in the U.S., and I never did. In Germany, you have to get a mechanic to change your oil.)

What other things can you think of that you get done?