

Ready For the Baby: The Verb Get (Part One)

One of the things that surprised me about becoming a father—and I haven't become a father, yet—is how many different things you need to buy for the baby. *Or*, how many different things you need to *get* for the baby. You might know that the word 'get' can have many different meanings in English, but how many of them do you know?

When your English is *getting* good, one of the things that's hard to *get* about the language, is how many ways you can use the word *get*. Have you *got* an idea how many possibilities there are? Today we're going to talk about only a few.

Before You Start the Recording

I'm going to talk about three possibilities for using the word 'get' today. Before we start, I want you to think about the things you need for a baby. . . in English, using the vocabulary from yesterday, or in your own language. And then think about how many of those things are already in your house or apartment.

Finally, I want you to think of all the words—all of the *adjectives*—you can use to describe new parents. Maybe you'll want to use words like inexperienced, excited, worried, or nervous. The choice is yours, but think of a few.

Now, start the recording.

After You've Heard the Recording

How many of these meanings did you already know? Are you getting comfortable with the verb *get*, yet? How would you use them?

Forget babies for a moment: think about other things. The last time you went to the store, what did you get? How many of the things that you bought at the store have you got at home now? When the store doesn't have what you need, do you get angry?