

Tip #13 Avoid using “GET”

The word “get” is informally by definition and has more than 20 definitions.

1. ORIGINAL

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1. REVISED

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4. ORIGINAL

This novel system can get rid of artifacts and get a tomogram near the original true image.

4. REVISED

This novel system can eliminate artifacts and produce a tomogram nearer the true image.

GET

A. Transitive verb use (他動詞)

1. I got a letter yesterday.
2. I got my visa extension last week.
3. I got my hair cut.
4. The Defense Secretary got his counterpart in the Kremlin by phone.
5. I didn't get your name.
6. I don't get what you mean.
= [I don't get it.]
7. The prisoner got 20 years in prison for his offenses.
8. The US got its European partners to go along (cooperate) with the NATO restructuring plan.
9. Mother had to get dinner ready.
10. The picture of Audrey Hepburn holding a malnourished child got to me.
11. At the end of World War II Stalin said that Russia had been able to get even with Japan for the Russo-Japanese War.
12. He's got a terrible cold.
13. A: What's the longest word in the English language?
B: You got me?

1. I received a letter yesterday.
2. I obtained my visa extension last week.
3. I had my hair cut.
4. The Defense Secretary communicated with his counterpart in the Kremlin by phone.
5. I didn't hear your name.
6. I don't understand what you mean.
= [I don't get it.]
7. The prisoner received 20 years in prison for his offenses.
8. The US persuaded its European partners to cooperate with the NATO restructuring plan.
9. Mother had to prepared dinner.
10. The picture of Audrey Hepburn holding a malnourished child affected me emotionally.
11. At the end of World War II Stalin said that Russia had been able to take revenge against Japan for the Russo-Japanese War.
12. He's suffering from a terrible cold.
13. A: What's the longest word in the English language?
B: I have no idea.

14. *What time will we get there?*
15. *I got promoted to VP on Monday.*
16. *I only get into town on Saturdays.*
17. *Get moving, or your name is "Mud!"*
18. *It's hard for him to get about with a cast on his leg.*
19. *The meeting ended in disgust since the Asian delegation was unable to get across its demands properly.*
20. *Get along, or you'll be late for school.*
21. *The Mafia boss got around the law due to a loophole.*
22. *She will get ahead more quickly due to her intelligence and energy.*
23. *The reporter tried every way possible to get at the politician for a private interview.*
24. *A: Where were you at the time of the murder?
B: What are you getting at?*
25. *To find a solution we have to get at the root of the problem.*
26. *The bank robbers got away from the police.*
27. *The feudal lords of old Japan used to get away with murder.*
28. *I sold my interest in Pioneer and got back my money.*

14. *What time will we arrive there?*
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 17. *Start moving, or your name is "Mud!"*
 18. *It's hard for him to move about with a cast on his leg.*
 19. *The meeting ended in disgust since the Asian delegation was unable to communicate its demands properly.*
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- The meeting ended in disgust since the Asian delegation was unable to make its demands properly understood.*
20. *Leave now, or you'll be late for school.*
 21. *The Mafia boss avoided the law due to a loophole. (escaped, outwitted)*
 22. *She will be successful more quickly due to her intelligence and energy.*
 23. *The reporter tried every way possible to gain access to the politician for a private interview.*
 24. *A: Where were you at the time of the murder?
B: What are you implying?*
 25. *To find a solution we have to determine the root of the problem. (discover)*
 26. *The bank robbers escaped from the police.*
 27. *The feudal lords of old Japan used to do whatever they wanted without detection or punishment.*
 28. *I sold my interest in Pioneer and recovered my money.*

29. The workers got back at the company by staging a protest.

30. I can get by with about 200,000 yen a month.

31. It's time to get down to the matter at hand.

32. The delegates both got in on the same flight.

33. Get out of here! Now!

34. It took me 2 weeks to get over my cold.

35. I wasn't able to get to the President today, so I'll try again tomorrow.

36. Let's get together at my house on Friday night for a party.

37. The consumer group got up a petition of 10,000 signatures.

38. He has got to go by 5pm.

39. The young man asked his boss for a raise, but he got nowhere.

40. He's getting on in years and should retire.

29. The workers retaliated against the company by staging a protest.

30. I can manage with about 200,000 yen a month.

31. It's time concentrate on the matter at hand. (attend to)

32. The delegates both arrived on the same flight.

33. Leave here! Now!

34. It took me 2 weeks to recover from my cold.

35. I wasn't able to contact the President today; I'll try again tomorrow.

36. Let's gather together on Friday night for a BYOB party.

37. The consumer group collected a petition of 10,000 signatures.

38. He has to go by 5pm.

39. The young man asked his boss for a raise, but he was unsuccessful.
(did not succeed)

40. He's advancing in years and should retire.