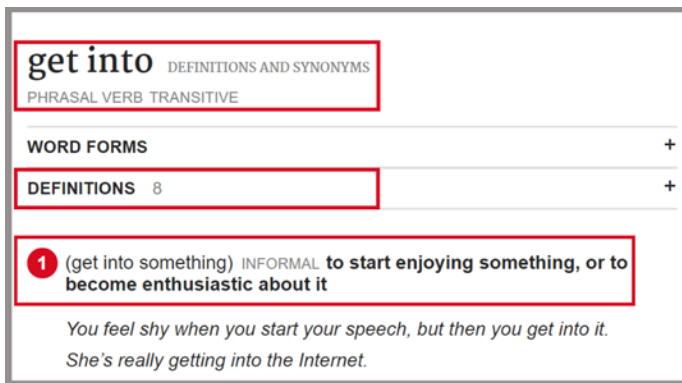


Getting into a love of phrasal verbs

Want to know a great trick for making phrasal verbs easier to learn and enjoy? Try just focusing on the most common verbs that phrasal verbs use in combination with prepositions and adverbs (particles). Three of the most common verbs are *come*, *get* and *put*. In the Macmillan online dictionary, there are 126 different phrasal verbs using just those three verbs! Some have multiple definitions like *get into* (see screenshot). Do the following activities and start getting into a new love of phrasal verbs.



get into DEFINITIONS AND SYNONYMS
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1 (get into something) INFORMAL **to start enjoying something, or to become enthusiastic about it**

You feel shy when you start your speech, but then you get into it.
She's really getting into the Internet.

Activity 1

Choose a suitable ending for these sentences.

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| a. She comes across | for dinner? |
| b. The department had come under | some money. |
| c. He's just come into | who wants the job the most. |
| d. She can't eat shellfish without coming out in | spots. |
| e. Why don't you come over | as very self-confident. |
| f. In the end, it all comes down to | criticism for poor performance. |

Now check your answers with a partner and the Macmillan online dictionary.

Activity 2

Complete the sentences with a phrasal verb with *put* from the box.

put across	put off	put out	put in	put on	put up with
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- Stop laughing – you'll *put* her *off*.
- Wendy has been _____ more hours at the office recently.
- Don't believe that. He's _____ you _____.
- Please _____ that cigarette _____.
- Television can be a useful way of _____ health messages.
- I will not _____ your bad behaviour any longer!

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Activity 3

How many phrasal verbs with *get* can you think of? Write them in the box.

Now circle the particle that fits the meaning of these sentences.

- At the age of 85, Milly still gets *off / on / around* quite well.
- I think you two would get *on / through / by* well.
- I wanted to get the interview *off / over / by* with as quickly as possible.
- How do we get *round / into / through* so much milk?
- She's really getting *into / onto / in* the internet.
- I just can't get *by / at / over* how well we played!

Activity 4

Ask and answer the questions with your partner.

- Do you think you come across as shy or outgoing?
- How well do you get on with your family?
- Does listening to music put you off studying or does it help?
- What makes you come out in spots?
- How much milk does your family get through in a week?
- What do you find difficult to put up with?