

INTERMEDIATE UNIT 3

3.1 Organisation

1 Complete the conversation with the words in the box.

ahead distracted done
last minute prioritise put off
started waste wisely

- A:** Come on, we can't ¹ _____ the painting anymore. Let's get ² _____.
- B:** OK, but we can't do it all today. We should ³ _____. How about the living room first?
- A:** Fine. I got everything ready last night. You know how I like to prepare ⁴ _____ of time.
- B:** Oh, you're so organised. I always leave things until the ⁵ _____.
- A:** I know! You need to learn to use your time more ⁶ _____ and not get ⁷ _____ by other things.
- B:** OK, so let's not ⁸ _____ time chatting then. Let's get it ⁹ _____.

3.2 Future time markers

2 Put the words in brackets in the correct order to complete the sentences. Then tick the statements you agree with.

- 1 _____
(next years thirty the in) humans will be able to communicate with whales and dolphins.
- 2 _____
(the in term long) most humans will be living on a different planet.
- 3 _____
(in future the near) planes will fly themselves.
- 4 _____
(year or only in two a) most households will own a robot.
- 5 _____
(the in term short) wind-generated power will become more important.
- 6 _____
(ten twenty in perhaps to time years') your brain will be connected to the internet.

Idioms

3 Underline the correct alternatives.

- 1 I have to *face/eye* it! This haircut is awful!
- 2 I regularly give money to a charity close to my *heart/mind*.
- 3 Hurry up! We're *heading/running* out of time before the shops close.
- 4 Afia always hits the nail on the *heart/head* and says exactly the right thing.
- 5 If we don't finish our assignment in time, we'll be in *cool/hot* water.
- 6 I always put my *mouth/foot* in it and say the wrong thing.
- 7 I've got to finish this report by 3p.m. I'm really working *with/against* the clock.
- 8 Can you keep a(n) *eye/face* on my little brother while I go to the shop?
- 9 Hanging up this washing will take forever. Can you give me a *hand/mind*?
- 10 Opera isn't really my cup of *tea/coffee*.
- 11 That test was a piece of *cake/pie*. I finished really early.
- 12 I never knew you could water ski. You're a dark *horse/sheep*!

4 Match 1–6 with the endings a)–f).

- 1 I like both of these shirts. I'm in two
 - 2 I can't wait to let my hair
 - 3 I don't have any money, but I can still go window
 - 4 Don't take a huge suitcase with you. Try to travel
 - 5 I have to learn my lines for the play
 - 6 Let's start the meeting by breaking
- a) light and just take what you need.
b) by heart this week.
c) down tonight and have some fun.
d) the ice so everyone's relaxed.
e) shopping with you.
f) minds about which one to buy.

3.3 Misunderstandings

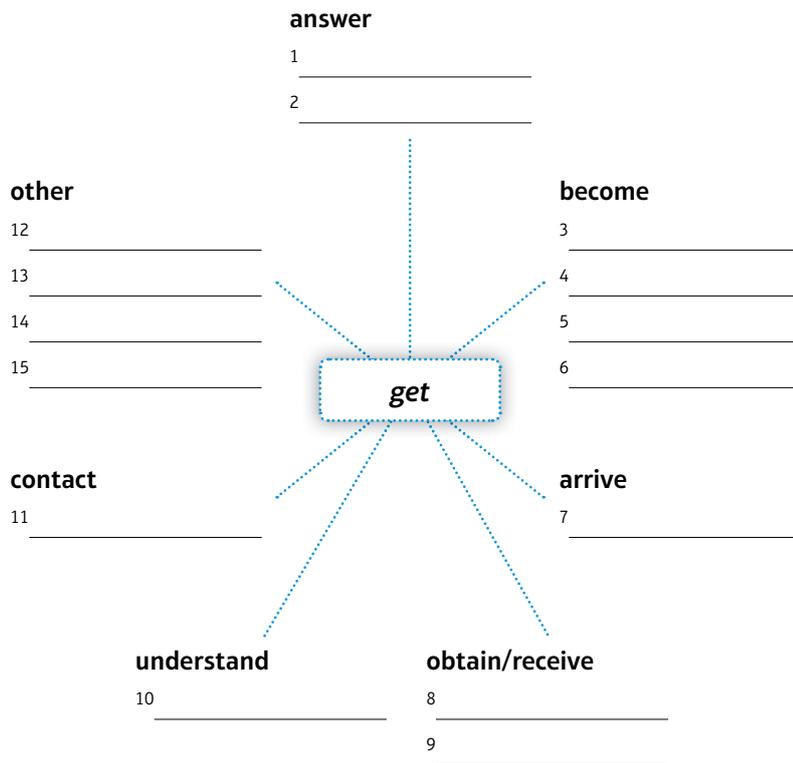
5 Complete the conversation with one word in each gap. The first letter is given.

- A:** I had an unusual phone conversation last night. I called the wrong ¹n _____, but it was a woman with the ²s _____ name as my friend so I thought it was her.
- B:** Didn't you know it was a ³d _____ person from her voice?
- A:** Well, yes, you're right. I didn't ⁴r _____ her voice at first, but I just thought she had a cold or something! Anyway, we both ⁵t _____ we knew each other. After a while I started talking about a dinner party on Saturday. It was only when she mentioned the ⁶w _____ address that I ⁷r _____ we were talking about different parties and we weren't friends at all!

Focus on get

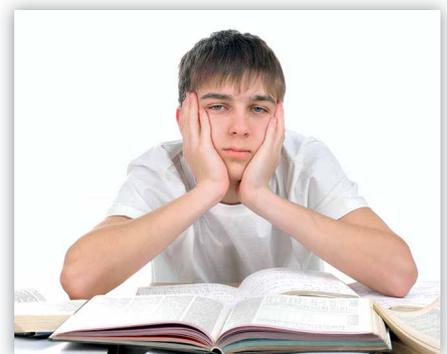
6 Complete the spidergram with the phrases in bold in a)–n).

- a) If you don't eat properly, you'll **get ill**.
- b) I **got in touch** with an old school friend last week.
- c) I'm finding it difficult to **get bored** these days.
- d) I don't **get this** exercise. What do we have to do?
- e) Don't cheat in the exam. You'll **get a new job**.
- f) I **got** question three **wrong**.
- g) Do you need this book or shall I **get rid of** it?
- h) I enjoyed **getting to know** Mariam last week. She's very nice.
- i) My memory's **getting worse**. I can't remember that woman's name.
- j) What time do we **get to** Paris?
- k) Is that the phone? I'll **get it**.
- l) A new home is strange at first but you'll soon **get used to** it.
- m) I **got a fine** for driving too fast. It was \$500!
- n) Let's **get on with** this work. I want to **get it finished**.



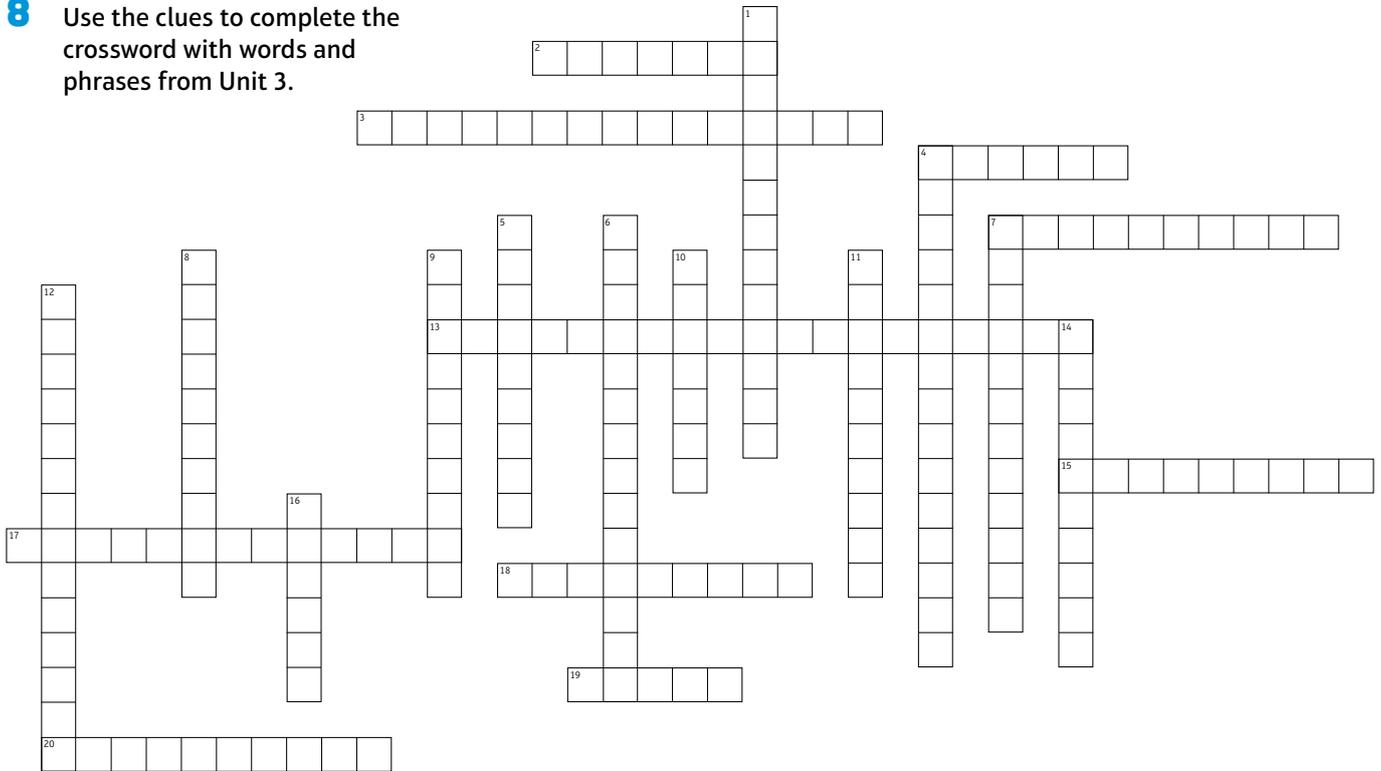
7 Complete the questions with the correct form of phrases from Exercise 6.

- 1 I hate listening to jokes. I often don't _____ them.
- 2 She _____ over half the answers _____ in the test last week. Her score was disappointing.
- 3 I don't think the rain's going to stop. In fact, it's _____.
- 4 I'll call you when we _____ the airport.
- 5 My old teacher _____ me last month to ask if I'd like to give a talk at my old school.
- 6 I _____ if I don't eat enough fruit and vegetables.
- 7 We should _____ the cooking or we'll have nothing for dinner.
- 8 I sit next to Fiona in class, so I've _____ her quite well.
- 9 I think your mobile's ringing. Shall I _____ it?
- 10 My sister can't _____ her new car. She's thinking of selling it already.
- 11 Isn't it time you _____ all those old videos?
- 12 Ramon's _____ as a security guard. He starts next week.
- 13 We can't park here. We'll _____ if we do.
- 14 I don't know what interests Stuart. He _____ so easily.



Crossword

8 Use the clues to complete the crossword with words and phrases from Unit 3.



Across

- 2** a stressful way of life where people compete with each other (idiom) (3, 4)
- 3** soon (2, 3, 4, 6)
- 4** become sick (3, 3)
- 7** a person who keeps a secret about themselves (1, 4, 5)
- 13** say exactly the right thing (idiom) (3, 3, 4, 2, 3, 4)
- 15** know who someone is because you've met them before (9)
- 17** the final moment (3, 4, 6)
- 18** do more than one activity at a time (9)
- 19** arrive at (3, 2)
- 20** begin doing something (3, 7)

Down

- 1** complete something before a specific date (4, 1, 8)
- 4** I thought my dentist appointment was on the 20th, but I _____. (3, 3, 4, 5)
- 5** use the hours and minutes you have unwisely without any benefits (5, 4)
- 6** a decade in the future (2, 3, 5, 4)
- 7** an easy activity (idiom) (1, 5, 2, 4)
- 8** put tasks in order of importance (10)
- 9** to be in trouble (idiom) (2, 3, 5)
- 10** know and understand something (7)
- 11** receive something in the post (3, 1, 6)
- 12** the act of looking in shops without buying anything (6, 8)
- 14** not able to concentrate on something (adjective) (10)
- 16** probable (6)

