

INTERMEDIATE UNIT 3

3.1 Organisation

- 1** Complete the conversation with the words in the box.

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- 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

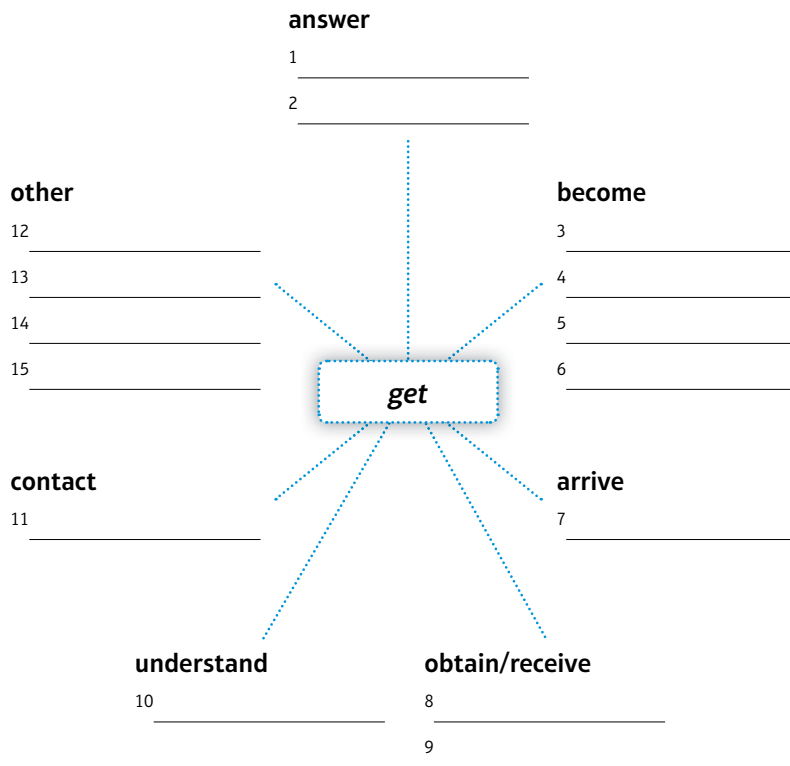
- 5** Complete the conversation with one word in each gap. The first letter is given.

- 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!

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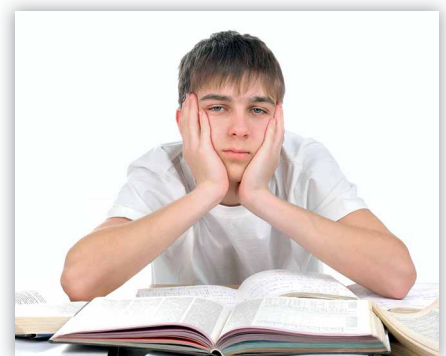
6 Complete the spidergram with the phrases in bold in a)–n).

- 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**.



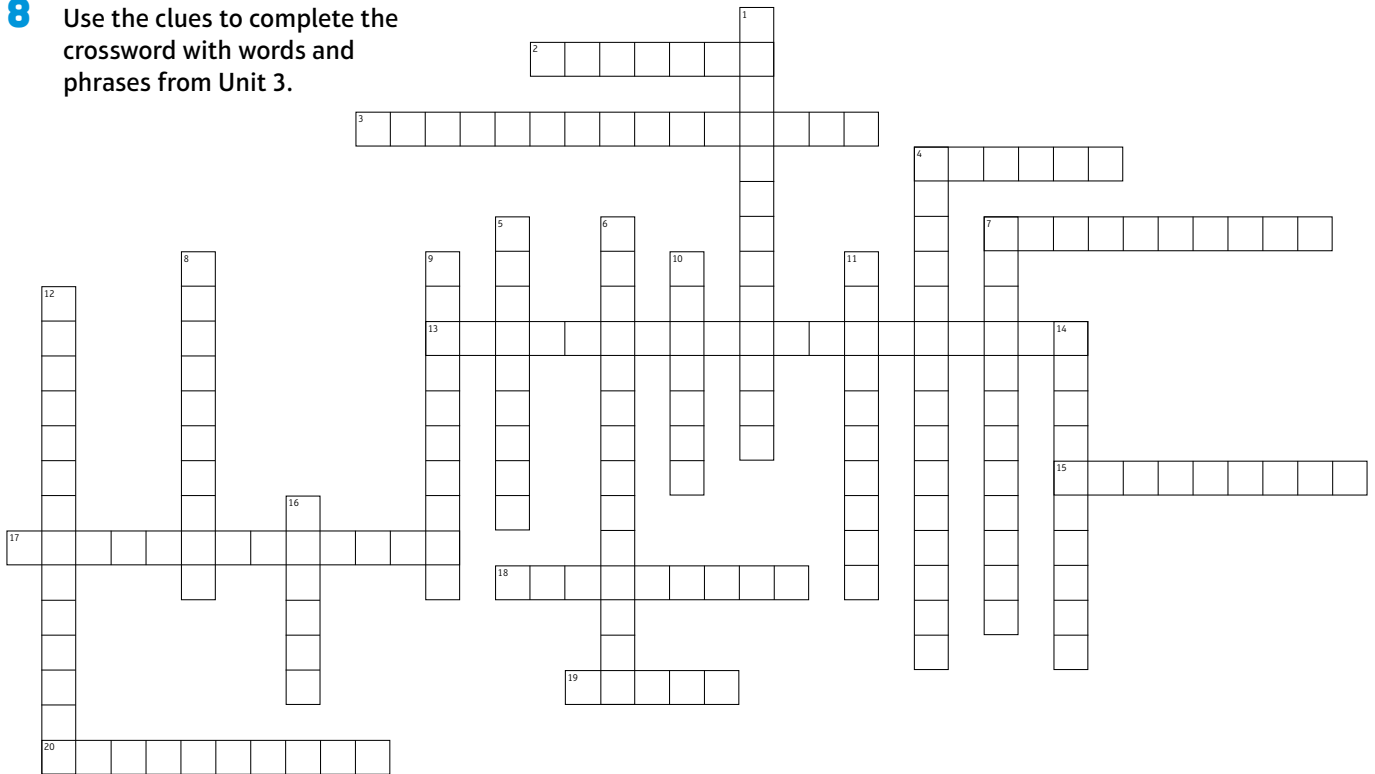
7 Complete the questions with the correct form of phrases from Exercise 6.

- 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)

