

Network Now B1.2

Phrases with ...

In each Step 3 in **Network Now B1.2** you can find the feature **Phrases with ...** and **Grammar focus: ...** which are linked together as they concentrate on the same grammatical or lexical item, such as *get* in Unit 1 or *make* in Unit 2. These items are very frequently used in English, so it is very important that students learn to understand the many contexts and meanings these small words have. The words are presented with their collocations (the words which they frequently occur with) and students have the opportunity to practise the items in the Selfstudy section of Step 3.

Phrases with ... also introduces some of the more idiomatic uses of the items, which is important for B1.2 level students.

Try these two short exercises:

- **Exercise 1:** On the board write: *to get your money back*, *to get on with somebody*, *to get back home*, *to get rich quick*. Ask students what these phrases mean. Tell them to do Exercise 1 below. (**Key:** 1 back, 2 on, 3 home)
- **Exercise 2:** On the board write *become* and *get*. Tell students that we often use *get* in speech and *become* in written English. Ask them to do Exercise 2 below. (**Key:** 1 getting, 2 got, 3 get)



Phrases with *get* ...

Exercise 1: Phrases with *get*

*I would like to **get rich quick**.*

Choose the correct word to complete the sentences.

- 1 I bought a dress, but it's the wrong size. I hope I can get my money **back / on**.
- 2 My children don't get **back / on** with each other. They argue and fight.
- 3 We had a late night yesterday and we didn't get back **up / home** until midnight.

Exercise 2: Grammar focus: *get*

get has a similar meaning to *become* ('werden').

We can say: The weather is *getting* colder or The weather is *becoming* colder.

Change these sentences using the correct form of *get*.

- 1 It's *becoming* more and more difficult to find an affordable flat.
- 2 Rents have *become* more and more expensive.
- 3 It will *become* cheaper to live in the countryside.

Do you agree? Talk to your partner.