

## "GET" OUT!

*Get* is a useful word. It is short and direct, but it is also overworked and bland. Improve these sentences by inserting stronger, more precise verbs. You may rewrite the sentences in any way you choose, but do not use the same verb more than once. Yes, you must write the complete sentence on a separate paper. Now *get* started!

1. Where did you get such a severe cold in the middle of summer?
2. The scouts can't go to camp until they get enough money by selling magazines.
3. Jessica had to miss swim practice because it was her turn to get dinner ready.
4. Zack, do you know anyone who could get tickets to the concert at this late date?
5. Alexa's family is planning to get a cottage at the lake for two months next year.
6. Erik was disappointed that he didn't get all his reading points for the term.
7. Have you heard which of the two cars Ms. Turnea decided to get?
8. Jalynn, would you get me a copy of The Constitution from Mr. Carter?
9. Do you think you could get your dad to drive us to the pool, Lizzy?
10. If James can get a home run, the score will be tied.
11. The newspaper announced that our school will have to get three new teachers next term.
12. No matter how often I speak before the class, I get nervous.
13. Our gerbil escaped from its cage, and we never did get it back.
14. It seems as if Wyatt cannot get an A in English no matter how hard he tries.
15. If the bus leaves on time, we should get back shortly after midnight.
16. Although they fished all day, Sarah and Jessica didn't get a single fish.
17. Parker is going to get some discipline points if he doesn't stop talking to Trent.
18. Please get your pencil from your locker and bring it to class, Mr. Burnham.
19. "The best way to get a raccoon is to hunt at night," said Billy to Old Dan.
20. The detective cautioned the police officer not to let the prisoner get away.
21. Mrs. Money must not be at home, so I'll try to get her on her cell phone.
22. It is amazing that Mr. Thompson can get by on what he makes teaching school.
23. The procedure was explained repeatedly, but, as usual, Brett didn't get it.
24. Our whole school will get behind our Sub-for-Santa drive when they discover that the administrators will shave their heads if we raise enough money.
25. Did you get the point of this assignment?