

Classroom Exercise

Improving Vocabulary Precision: Replacing *Get*

To encourage language precision, find an appropriate synonym for *get* in the numbered sentences. Consider the following synonyms:

achieve	earn	obtain	receive
bring	encourage	pay	secure
buy	find	produce	succeed
construct	gain	provide	understand
deliver	generate	purchase	win/won

1. To **get** a copy of the new medical plan, send an e-mail.
2. Three excellent candidates applied, and our department hopes to **get** one of them.
3. If you can **get** the lumber to the building site, we can begin construction.
4. **Getting** a college degree leads to greater opportunities.
5. You never know when your manager may go into your computer to **get** a file.
6. In leading a meeting, you should **get** everyone to participate.
7. Our salespeople must **get** results immediately.
8. You can **get** greater contributions if your fundraising letter lists specifics.
9. We expect to increase sales by **getting** customers to visit our new Web site.
10. Only when you **get** all the facts, can you fully comprehend the problem.
11. We can **get** an advantage over our competitor with snappy online sales messages.
12. The Department of Transportation promises to **get** guardrails at the most dangerous spots.
13. If you **get** stocks at a low price and sell at a high price, you will make a profit.
14. Because of heavy traffic, we didn't **get** to the meeting on time.
15. Our company can definitely **get** the contract if we produce the best proposal.