

COLLOCATIONS:

COME / GO - GET / BECOME

☞ There are many expressions with the verbs **come** and **go**:

*My monthly food bill **comes** to about £350.*

*The kids always **come** first.*

*Most of my money **goes** on bills.*

*How did your interview **go**?*

*That tie **goes** really well with your jacket.*

☞ Circle the correct verb in the following sentences.

1. Mini-skirts **came / went** into fashion in the 1960s.
2. Ugh! The milk's **come / gone** sour.
3. I don't feel old, but I'm beginning to **come / go** grey.
4. Jane and I have **come / gone** to an agreement. I'll shop if she cooks.
5. "It's my dream to meet someone famous." "I hope your dream **comes / goes** true."
6. With coffees and VAT your bill **comes / goes** to £70.
7. Britain **came / went** second in the 100 metres.
8. I think I must be **coming / going** mad.
9. The time has **come / gone** to make a decision.
10. My brother's business **came / went** bankrupt.
11. Everything will **come / go** right in the end.

☞ **GO** usually implies a change of state. So do **GET** and **BECOME**:

*Don't worry. You'll soon **get** used to working such long hours.*

(Compare: I **am** used to working long hours. I've done it for years.)

☞ We can use GET + ADJECTIVE (or past participle) to describe a sudden change of state or

☞ GET + TO-INFINITIVE to talk about a gradual change.

*They **got married** last week.*

*I'm sure the kids will **get to like** each other.*

☞ BECOME is more formal than GET and it can't be used with to-infinitives. But you can use BECOME with nouns:

*He **became a millionaire** at 40.*

☞ Complete the gaps with **get**, **become** or **be** in the correct form and one of the words or expressions from the box.

1. I always _____ when I watch the news. There are so many awful things happening in the world.
2. It was reported that many of the guests _____ with food poisoning after the wedding reception.
3. My little nephew is determined to _____ when he grows up.
4. We need a map. I think we _____.
5. I didn't like Mick when I first met him, but as I _____ him, I _____ him more and more. Now he's my best friend!
6. Can we stop for a minute? I need a rest. I _____.
7. She loves fashion shows. She's going to _____.

ILL - LOST - TIRED - UPSET - A MODEL - A PILOT - TO KNOW - TO LIKE

KEY

Go/come

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Get, become, be

1. I always GET UPSET when I watch the news. There are so many awful things happening in the world.
2. It was reported that many of the guests GOT ILL with food poisoning after the wedding reception.
3. My little nephew is determined to BECOME A PILOT when he grows up.
4. We need a map. I think we'VE GOT LOST (or we ARE LOST)
5. I didn't like Mick when I first met him, but as I GOT TO KNOW him, I GOT TO LIKE him more and more. Now he's my best friend!
6. Can we stop for a minute? I need a rest. I 'M TIRED.
7. She loves fashion shows. She's going to BE/ BECOME A MODEL.