

## Role play 1 - student A

Student A

Get your act together!

Your teenage kid, who is extremely bright, is refusing to study for their upcoming exams. They spend every afternoon and evening on social media, and are never off the phone. You have tried taking their phone away and grounding them but it has made little difference. Their teachers are concerned and have asked you to speak to your child and to persuade them to start working before it's too late.

Think about what you want to say and speak to your child (student B), telling them that they have to get their act together.

Try to use the word *get* whenever you can.

*e.g. 'You need to get off your phone and get studying!'*

*'If you don't get good marks you won't get into university.'*

You will start.

## Role play 1 - student B

Student B

Get off my back!

At the end of this school year you have important exams which will determine what University you will be able to attend. You are extremely confident of doing well as you got good grades last year and believe you are clever enough to pass without doing too much work. You spend a lot of time on educational websites and apps that have practice exams, but your parents think you are only chatting with your friends or wasting time. Your parents and teachers are also worried that you aren't working hard enough and will not do as well as you seem to think. One of your parents will come to you and try to persuade you to switch your phone off and hit the books. Think about what you want to say to your parent (student A), telling them to get off your back.

Try to use the word get whenever you can.

e.g. 'You don't seem to get that I'm using my phone to study!'

'You said all this last year and I still got good grades.'

Student A will start.

## Role play 2 - student A

Student A

Get a life!

You are worried about your best friend who spends all their time indoors, on their computer. They work from home as a software developer and make good money, but they also spend nearly all of their spare time on the computer playing simulator games. Even though your friend is quite young, you suspect their health is beginning to suffer and they are becoming more anti-social and less communicative.

Think about what you want to say to your friend (student B) and then speak to them, telling them politely that they need to get a life.

Try to use the word *get* whenever you can.

*e.g. 'If you sit down all day and don't get any exercise you'll get fat.'*

*'There are lots of things that you could get into, but you really need to get out more.'*

## Role play 2 - student B

Student B

Get off my back!

You work hard as a software developer and in your free time play simulator games. This is your passion in life, it helps you relax and you have plans to develop your own games one day. Unfortunately, you don't have much time left for socialising and have zero interest in sport. Your best friend is always getting on your back, trying to persuade you to switch your computer off, go outside and socialise more. The problem is you don't like socialising and find most people annoying. Your friend is going to come over tonight and you know that, once again, they will bring up the subject of you 'getting out more'.

Think about what you will say to your friend (student A) and then speak to them, telling them politely to get off your back.

Try to use the word *get* whenever you can.

*e.g. 'I don't get why I need to socialise with people.'*

*'I don't get on with the kind of people who are always outside doing exercise.'*