1. GET sb. TO DO sth.: PERSUADE, ASK, MAKE SB. (TO) DO STH.

2. GET sb./sth. DOING sth.: MAKE/CAUSE/MOTIVATE SB. TO DO STH.

These structures are used in informal, spoken English.

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1. GET SOMEBODY TO DO SOMETHING

• **Persuade**, **ask**, **make** sb./sth. (to) do something

persuade	• Do you think you can **get your parents to lend** us their car? *Do you think you can persuade your parents to lend us their car?* • She's shy, but perhaps you could **get her to give** a speech at the wedding. *She's shy, but perhaps you could persuade her to give a speech at the wedding.*
ask	• I have to leave. Could you **get Sam to finish** the report for me? *I have to leave. Could you ask Sam to finish the report for me?* • I'll **get my cousin to make** a dessert for the party. *I'll ask my cousin to make a dessert for the party.*
make*	• How can I **get you to change** your mind? *How can I make you change your mind?* • No matter how hard I tried, I couldn't **get the computer to run** again. *No matter how hard I tried, I couldn't make the computer run again.*

*CAREFUL!

make somebody **do** something (NOT ~~to do~~)

BUT:

persuade/**ask** somebody **to do** something

2. **GET** SOMEBODY/SOMETHING **DOING** SOMETHING

• **Cause** or **motivate** sb. or sth. to **do something**

- Your comment **got me thinking**. What did you mean?

    (made me think)

- This article **got me wondering**: Did the Big Bang really happen?

    (caused me to wonder)

- We finally **got the car running**.

    (managed to make the car start/work)

- This film will **get everyone laughing**.

    (make everyone laugh)

- A good teacher knows how to **get students talking**.

    (motivate students to talk)

- I'm sure a bonus will **get them working** better.

    (motivate them to work better)

You will find this structure in a lot of **songs**, such as

- "You got me wanting you"
- "You got me missing you"
- "You got me loving you"
- "You got me feeling (adj.)"

"You got me (verb + ing)" is a short form of "**you've got me (verb + ing)**".

Another way to put it would be **"you make me (verb)"**.