

become[bɪ'kʌm] *v* (*became; become*)

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1. делаться, становиться; превращаться
a caterpillar becomes a butterfly - гусеница превращается в бабочку
2. (of) случаться
what has become of him? - а) что с ним случилось?; б) куда он делся?
what will become of the children? - что будет /станется/ с детьми?
3. 1) **годиться; приличествовать, соответствовать, подходить**
it doesn't become you to complain - вам не к лицу жаловаться
it becomes a man of honour to speak the truth - честному человеку подобает говорить правду
he thinks everything becomes him - он думает, ему всё дозволено
2) **быть к лицу, идти**
the dress becomes you - это платье вам идёт
3) **гармонировать; дополнять (что-л.)**
the silvery moonlight becomes the stillness of the night - серебристый свет луны придаёт необыкновенное очарование тишине ночи
4. **мат.** принимать вид (о выражении)

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как глагол-связка для обозначения перехода в какое-л. состояние:

- to become famous - прославиться, стать знаменитым
to become angry - рассердиться
to become cold - а) похолодеть; б) похолодать; в) замёрзнуть
to become red - покраснеть
to become old - постареть, состариться
to become thin - похудеть
to become interested - заинтересоваться
to become accustomed - привыкнуть

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be-come [become becomes became becoming] *BrE* [bɪ'kʌm] ^{us} *NAmE* [bɪ'kʌm] ^{us} *verb* (**be-came** *BrE* [bɪ'keɪm] ^{us}; *NAmE* [bɪ'keɪm] ^{us}, **be-come**)

1. **linking verb** to start to be sth
 - **+ adj.** It was becoming more and more difficult to live on his salary.
 - It soon became apparent that no one was going to come.
 - She was becoming confused.
 - **+ noun** She became queen in 1952.
 - The bill will become law next year.
 - She's studying to become a teacher.
 - His job has become his whole life.
2. **transitive, no passive** (not used in the progressive tenses) ~ **sb** (*formal*) to be suitable for sb
 - Such behaviour did not become her.
3. **transitive, no passive** (not used in the progressive tenses) ~ **sb** (*formal*) to look attractive on sb

Syn: ↑suit

- Short hair really becomes you.

Idiom: ↑what became, has become, will become of somebody**Verb forms:**

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	become
	<i>BrE</i> /bɪ'kʌm/
	<i>NAmE</i> /bɪ'kʌm/
he / she / it	becomes
	<i>BrE</i> /bɪ'kʌmz/
	<i>NAmE</i> /bɪ'kʌmz/
past simple	became
	<i>BrE</i> /bɪ'keɪm/
	<i>NAmE</i> /bɪ'keɪm/
past participle	become
	<i>BrE</i> /bɪ'kʌm/
	<i>NAmE</i> /bɪ'kʌm/
-ing form	becoming
	<i>BrE</i> /bɪ'kʌmɪŋ/
	<i>NAmE</i> /bɪ'kʌmɪŋ/

Word Origin:

Old English becoman 'come to a place, come (to be or do something)' (see ↑**be-**, ↑**come**), of Germanic origin; related to Dutch **bekomen** and German **bekommen** '**get, receive**'.

Thesaurus:**become** linking verb

- She was becoming confused.

get •• go •• grow •• turn •• come •become/get/go/grow/turn **cold/warm/chilly**become/get/grow **fat/old/angry/hungry/tired**

become/get **annoyed / confused / involved / worried**

become/come **loose**

Become or get? You can often use either word, but there are some cases where you can only use one of them

- I became/got hungry/upset (= verb + adjective).
- She became Queen/a teacher/a member of the club (= verb + noun).
- Don't get your dress dirty (= verb + noun + adjective)!

Use **get** for changes that are the result of deliberate actions by you or sb else

- get dressed/married/killed

Use **become** with adjectives connected with ability, knowledge, availability and clarity

- become able/skilled/aware/convinced/available/useful/clear/obvious

Synonyms:

become / get / go / turn

These verbs are used frequently with the following adjectives:

become ~	get ~	go ~	turn ~
involved	used to	wrong	blue
clear	better	right	sour
accustomed	worse	bad	bad
pregnant	pregnant	white	red
extinct	tired	crazy	cold
famous	angry	bald	
ill	dark	blind	

Become is more formal than get. Both describe changes in people's emotional or physical state, or natural or social changes.

Go is usually used for negative changes.

Go and turn are both used for changes of colour.

Turn is also used for changes in the weather.

Example Bank:

- She's studying to become a teacher.

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be [come **S1 W1** /bɪ'kʌm/ *BrE* " *AmE* " verb (past tense **became** /-'keɪm/, past participle **become**)

[Language: Old English; Origin: *becuman* 'to come to, become', from *cuman* 'to come']

1. [linking verb] to start to have a feeling or quality, or to start to develop into something:

- The weather became warmer.
- Slowly my eyes became accustomed to the darkness.
- Helen became increasingly anxious about her husband's strange behaviour.
- Pollution from cars has become a major problem.

2. [linking verb] to start to have a job or position:

- George became king at the age of 54.
- When did you first want to become a teacher?

3. [transitive not in progressive] *formal* to be suitable for someone, or to look attractive on them **SYN suit**

- Blue really becomes her.
- Don't try to be clever – it doesn't become you.

4. **what became of .../whatever will become of ...?** used to ask what has happened to someone or something, especially when you have not seen them for a long time, or what will happen to someone that you are worried about:

- What became of those Chinese vases that Mum used to have?
- Whatever will become of Sam when his wife dies?

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- **become** to start to have a feeling or quality, or to start to develop into something: His parents became worried when he was late home from school. | Violent crime is becoming a major problem. | She became more confident when she joined a drama group.
- **get** to start to have a feeling or quality. **Get** is less formal than **become** and is much more commonly used in everyday English: I was getting very tired. | Make sure you're home before it gets dark.
- **go** to become something – used about things becoming a different colour, or things or people becoming worse in some way: Her hair was going grey. | He went blind. | I think I'm going mad.
- **turn** to become something – used about things becoming a different colour, or the weather or people's behaviour changing: The water had turned bright green. | The weather is expected to turn cold again. | He suddenly turned nasty.
- **grow especially written** to gradually become something: People were growing impatient. | The rich grew richer.
- **come undone/loose/apart** to become undone, loose, or separated into pieces: The screws had come loose.
- **change into something** to become something completely different: The caterpillar changed into a beautiful butterfly.

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