



Misaeng (An Incomplete Life) is the story about corporate office workers in the fictional trading company One International, a story which deeply resonated with its viewers and became a cultural phenomenon for its vivid portrayal of the corporate world. This series revolves around the protagonist Jang Geu-Rae (Yim Si-Wan), as he and other employees at the company tread their way through the grueling world of corporate life as “Misaeng”. Let’s learn English through Misaeng!

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### Misaeng Episode 8.

*Manager Oh is suspicious about the report that Manager Park submitted for the new Jordan used car project and asks to see Dong-Sik and Geu-Rae in private.*

Manager Oh: The subcontractor’s profit margin is too high.

Kim Dong-Sik: It does seem pretty high.

Manager Oh: The scope and performance of their business grew suddenly, around the time of this contract. If you look at the profit statement, their windfall profit takes up too much of the net profit.

Kim Dong-Sik: So, it was Manager Park who signed that kind of company.... But that company's profit is suspiciously high... which means...

Manager Oh: You get the picture, right?

Kim Dong-Sik: You’re saying he’s getting a kickback?

### “get the picture”

(이해하다, 상황을 파악하다)

1.

### Today's Expression

The word “get” is a staple in a native English speaker’s everyday vocabulary with a multitude of meanings and thus is very useful to know. In the expression “get the picture”, “get” means “to understand or comprehend something”, so this expression is used to say that one understands the situation and that one has a grasp of what is happening.

**For instance, you can check for your listener’s understanding by asking,**

» Do you get the picture?

**If you’re the one trying to explain what is happening so that the listener can “get the picture”, you can express it in the following ways:**

» painting a/the picture

» drawing a/the picture

For example, you can say, “Do I really have to paint you a picture?” or “Do I really have to draw you a picture?” to mean the situation is self-explanatory and does not require any explanation.

2.

### Special Tip!

The expression “windfall gain” or “windfall profit” refers to any type of fortuitous gain, often high or abundant, such as an unexpected income from a lottery win or an unforeseen inheritance. Thinking about a ripened fruit being blown down by the wind can be helpful to understand and remember why it is called a “windfall gain/profit”.

### “windfall gain/profit”

(예상치 못했던 이익)

Windfall profits in business occur unexpectedly and are generally much higher than historical norms. Common factors that result in windfall profits include a shortage of supply or a hike in prices, and they can be temporary or longer lasting. For example, rising prices for crude oil have led many energy companies to see record profits, which could be considered a form of a windfall gain. Usually, benefits of windfall profits are enjoyed by the whole industry sector, but they can be reaped by individual companies. Taxes imposed on windfall profits are called “windfall tax”.