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**ON THE ISSUE OF THE GRAMMATICALIZATION OF INCHOATIVE COPULA
VERBS (ON THE MATERIAL OF THE VERB GET IN MODERN ENGLISH)**

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Abstract

In this paper we investigate grammaticalization as a cognitive process that changes semantic structure of a word, generalizes its meaning and transforms it into an auxiliary word. Traditionally words of broad semantics are grammaticalized due to their meaning and ability to express notions connected with basic concepts of human experience. Some linguists define copula verbs as a source of grammaticalization as their meaning is closely connected with the notions of movement and change that refer to the objective reality. The object of our analysis is the verb *get* as an inchoative copula in the following constructions: *Sub + V^{erb} + Adjective* *Sub + V^{erb} + Participle II*. The aim of our investigation is a semantic-functional analysis of the given constructions. We analyze its semantic structure, describe elements in the given constructions that actualize its inchoative meaning, classify adjectives that it combines with accord-

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become, get grow: a poor man can become rich and a tailor can marry a princess (CLL 1906 - <http://bncweb.lancs.ac.uk>); *His ears are getting old* (KCX 4713 - <http://bncweb.lancs.ac.uk>); *At breakfast he grew nervous and left in a hurry* (A0U 2338 - <http://bncweb.lancs.ac.uk>).

take, come, run, fall, go turn: Tragically, Murray took ill and died at Avignon (HJ9 702 - <http://bncweb.lancs.ac.uk>); It must have come loose after he had torn out his diary of Student Cross (GVT 2239 - <http://bncweb.lancs.ac.uk>); Paula related what had happened and saw Gary turn pale (BMW 2808 - <http://bncweb.lancs.ac.uk>); Well it doesn't go dark till twenty to eight (FMR 764 - <http://bncweb.lancs.ac.uk>).

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(bored, excited, angry, homesick, upset): The horses got upset during the night, and one of the mares damaged herself (G1S 528 - <http://bncweb.lancs.ac.uk>); She would get frustrated soon, and go away (CH0 3018 - <http://bncweb.lancs.ac.uk>); Though it was still several months off they were both getting excited, planning their itinerary, and making lists of the clothes they would need (H7W 630 - <http://bncweb.lancs.ac.uk>); Par-- partly because I'd get homesick, and I just love the whole of Scotland! (LK 359 - <http://bncweb.lancs.ac.uk>).

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(tired, ill, pregnant): So I said, if I got pregnant what would you want me to do? (FU1 460 - <http://bncweb.lancs.ac.uk>); Different parts of our body work together to stop people getting ill (J9 2211 - <http://bncweb.lancs.ac.uk>); If your fingers get tired, you can even swap round in the middle of a game (AAD 49 - <http://bncweb.lancs.ac.uk>).

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(big, strong, fat . ..): Perhaps it will be changing school, losing a close friend, being bullied, getting overweight or the death of a loved relative (BN7 1610 - <http://bncweb.lancs.ac.uk>); So insecure about her sexuality that she'd eaten too much and got fat (AE0 1248 - <http://bncweb.lancs.ac.uk>).

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(cold, warm, hot): Not only was it getting cold and windy, but it was getting very busy at the top of Beinn Ghlas (AS3 1235 - <http://bncweb.lancs.ac.uk>); But it is getting warm in here (FAP 1361 - <http://bncweb.lancs.ac.uk>).

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(cold, warm, hot, wet): It's pretty cold on the platform — I could do with getting warm (A74 2110 - <http://bncweb.lancs.ac.uk>); The train was over five seconds late and I was getting cold.' (AMB 182 - <http://bncweb.lancs.ac.uk>); I got wet and then I got dry! and we couldn't do this job because of the weather (G09 417 - <http://bncweb.lancs.ac.uk>).

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: The researcher found that there was a rapid decrease in outbursts as the child got older after the peak age of eighteen months (B10 1403 - <http://bncweb.lancs.ac.uk>)

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(better, good, well, worse . . .): Since last Christmas I have been struggling towards getting better (CAP 1093 - <http://bncweb.lancs.ac.uk>); Recently, things have got worse and she's become agoraphobic (A70

1098 - <http://bncweb.lancs.ac.uk>; "Don't worry, I'm going to get well," she said spry^ (CHG 99 - <http://bncweb.lancs.ac.uk>).

8) (selective, difficult, late, interesting, submerged, stuff .): Some years later, when we were abroad for a year, taking just Shanti with us, when things got difficult she would say, 'I want my Sara.' (B1Y 665 - <http://bncweb.lancs.ac.uk>); We knew it never got submerged by the tide and our idea was to take some photographs of a full moon rising over Widemouth (EVN 383 - <http://bncweb.lancs.ac.uk>); Things were getting interesting at last, Lacuna was dumbstruck, and no-one except her was looking at anything except the screens (9X 2453 - <http://bncweb.lancs.ac.uk>).

: worse, bigger, tired, angry, better, bored, dressed (up), cold, lost, old (older), mad, sick, upset wet (LGSWE 2000: 444).

[, 1983].

: become - to start to have a feeling or quality, or to start to develop into something (<https://www.ldoceonline.com/dictionary/become>).

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: Things were getting interesting at last^(9X 2453 - <http://bncweb.lancs.ac.uk>); My hair seems to have lost some of its colour as I've got older (A70 478 - <http://bncweb.lancs.ac.uk>).

: I was alone and it was late at night (AD1 2568 - <http://bncweb.lancs.ac.uk>) By now it was getting late and I began to worry (CDM 687 - <http://bncweb.lancs.ac.uk>).

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Sub + Verb + Adjective,

Once the kids got old enough to see for themselves what he was like, they packed their bags and left (HH0 3615 - <http://bncweb.lancs.ac.uk>); If things got tough in the organisation he could go elsewhere (D7 720 - <http://bncweb.lancs.ac.uk>).

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: Plan your periods of relaxation; relax in spare moments before you get tired (C9R 1877)

- <http://bncweb.lancs.ac.uk>); *She added that the situation had got worse 'almost overnight'* (A9N 188 - <http://bncweb.lancs.ac.uk>); *And, as the rain got worse during the rounds I thought someone was going to have to go off and build an ark* (ASA 1118 - <http://bncweb.lancs.ac.uk>).

Continuous Perfect: *Things were getting desperate* (AHX 390 - <http://bncweb.lancs.ac.uk>); *The impression that things had got worse was inescapable* (G1D 127 - <http://bncweb.lancs.ac.uk>); *'Oh, yes, it's been getting worse lately,' says Bob Busby* (ANY 1016 - <http://bncweb.lancs.ac.uk>).

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Sub + Verb + Participle II,

: *And don't get so drunk that you can't stand up and have to sit down in the middle or, worse still, cannot speak at all* (FSN 1116 - <http://bncweb.lancs.ac.uk>).

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