

have and have got

A have and have got (= for possession, relationships, illnesses, appointments etc.)

You can use **have** or **have got**. There is no difference in meaning. You can say:

- ☐ They **have** a new car. or They **'ve got** a new car.
- ☐ Lisa **has** two brothers. or Lisa **has got** two brothers.
- ☐ I **have** a headache. or I **'ve got** a headache.
- ☐ Our house **has** a small garden. or Our house **has got** a small garden.
- ☐ He **has** a few problems. or He **'s got** a few problems.
- ☐ I **have** a driving lesson tomorrow. or I **'ve got** a driving lesson tomorrow.

With these meanings (possession etc.), we do not use continuous forms (**I'm having** etc.):

- ☐ We're enjoying our holiday. We **have** / We **'ve got** a nice room in the hotel.
(not We're having a nice room)

For the past we use **had** (usually without **got**):

- ☐ Lisa **had** long hair when she was a child. (not Lisa had got)

B In questions and negative sentences there are three possible forms:

Do you have any questions?	I don't have any questions.
or Have you got any questions?	or I haven't got any questions.
or Have you any questions? (less usual)	or I haven't any questions. (less usual)
Does she have a car?	She doesn't have a car.
or Has she got a car?	or She hasn't got a car.
or Has she a car? (less usual)	or She hasn't a car. (less usual)

In past questions and negative sentences, we use **did/didn't**:

- ☐ **Did** you **have** a car when you were living in Paris?
- ☐ I **didn't have** my phone, so I couldn't call you.
- ☐ Lisa **had** long hair, **didn't** she?

C have breakfast / have a shower / have a good time etc.

We also use **have** (but not have got) for things we do or experience. For example:

have	breakfast / dinner / a cup of coffee / something to eat etc. a bath / a shower / a swim / a break / a rest / a party / a holiday an accident / an experience / a dream a look (at something) a chat / a discussion / a conversation (with somebody) trouble / difficulty / fun / a good time etc. a baby (= give birth to a baby)
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Have got is *not* possible in these expressions. Compare:

- ☐ Sometimes I **have** (= eat) a sandwich for my lunch. (not I've got)
- but I **'ve got** / I **have** some sandwiches. Would you like one?

You can use continuous forms (**I'm having** etc.) with these expressions:

- ☐ We're enjoying our holiday. We **'re having** a great time.
- ☐ 'Where's Mark?' 'He **'s having** a shower.'

In questions and negative sentences we use **do/does/did**:

- ☐ I **don't** usually **have** a big breakfast. (not I usually haven't)
- ☐ Where **does** Chris usually **have** lunch?
- ☐ **Did** you **have** trouble finding somewhere to stay? (not Had you)

Exercises

17.1 Which goes with which?

- 1 I'm not free tomorrow morning.
- 2 Rachel is an only child.
- 3 We've got plenty of time.
- 4 You've got a really good voice.
- 5 I don't feel very well this morning.
- 6 Laura studied at university.
- 7 I've got a question.
- 8 James has got a lot of experience.

- a She's got a degree in physics.
- b I've got a sore throat.
- c There's no need to hurry.
- d ~~I've got a driving lesson.~~
- e Maybe you can answer it.
- f I think he should get the job.
- g I wish I could sing as well as you.
- h She's got no brothers or sisters.

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17.2 Complete the sentences using **have**.

- 1 She couldn't get into the house. She didn't have a key.
- 2 Is there anything you'd like to ask? Do you have any questions?
- 3 They can't pay their bills. They any money.
- 4 We got wet in the rain yesterday. We an umbrella.
- 5 Jack a car. He can't afford one and he can't drive anyway.
- 6 'Excuse me, a pen I could borrow?' 'Yes, sure. Here you are.'
- 7 I was very busy yesterday. I time to go shopping.
- 8 'Tell me about Jack. a job?' 'Yes, he works at the hospital.'
- 9 When you worked in your last job, your own office?
- 10 'Where's the remote control?' 'I don't know. I it.'
- 11 'Tom a motorbike, he?' 'Yes, that's right. A long time ago.'

17.3 Are the underlined words OK? Change them where necessary.

- 1 I'm not free tomorrow morning. I've got a driving lesson.
- 2 Lisa had got long hair when she was a child.
- 3 I couldn't contact you because I hadn't my phone.
- 4 'Are you feeling OK?' 'No, I'm having a cold.'
- 5 I'm not working right now. I'm having a break.
- 6 I felt really tired. I hadn't any energy.
- 7 It's a small town. It doesn't have many shops.
- 8 Was your trip OK? Had you any problems?
- 9 My friend called me when I was having breakfast.
- 10 The last time I saw Steve, he was having a beard.
- 11 We don't need to hurry. We have plenty of time.
- 12 How often have you a shower?

OK

Lisa had long hair17.4 Complete the sentences. Use an expression with **have** in the correct form. Choose from:

have a baby
have a look

have a break
~~have lunch~~

have a chat
have a party

have trouble
have a nice time

have a shower
have a holiday

- 1 I don't eat much during the day. I never have lunch.
- 2 David starts work at 8 o'clock and at 10.30.
- 3 We last week. We invited lots of people.
- 4 There's something wrong with my bike. Can you at it for me?
- 5 Joe is away on holiday at the moment. I hope he
- 6 I met some friends in the supermarket yesterday. We stopped and
- 7 '..... finding the book you wanted?' 'No, I found it OK.'
- 8 Suzanne a few weeks ago. It's her second child.
- 9 I when the light went out suddenly.
- 10 I'd like to go away somewhere. I for a long time.