

## To have / have got

1. **Have** and **Have got** are both used for possession.

**Have got** refers to the present and to all time, even though it looks like the Present Perfect

*Ex: I've got two sisters. I have two sisters.*

*She has blond hair. She's got blond hair.*

2. There are two forms for the question, the negative and the short answer.

*Ex: Have you got any money? Yes, I have.*

*Do you have any money? Yes, I do.*

*He hasn't got a dog.*

*He doesn't have a dog.*

3. In all other tenses and verb forms, we use **have**, not **have got**.

*Ex: I had a bike when I was ten.*

*I didn't have a car until I was twenty-five.*

*I've had a headache all morning.*

*I'll have a steak, please.*

*I love having a dog.*

*I would like to have another dog.*

4. **Have**, not **have got**, is used for many actions and experiences.

*Have breakfast / a cup of tea / a cigarette / a break / dinner*

*Have a bath / a shower / a shave / a rest*

*Have a swim / a good time / a party / a holiday*

*Have a chat / a row / a bad dream*

*Have a look at something / a word with someone*

**Have got** is preferred when we are talking about illness: *I've got a cold, I've got flu.....*

5. **Have got** is more informal. We used it more in spoken English. We use **have** more in written English.

**Have** with the **do/does** forms is more common in American English.

## Practice:

Complete the sentences with the correct form of **have** or **have got**. There are questions, negatives, positives and various tenses.

Example: Excuse me! Do you have the time, please?  
Have you got the time, please?

- a. I'm starving. I \_\_\_\_\_ anything to eat last night.
- b. Excuse me! \_\_\_\_\_ a light, please?  
Sorry. I don't smoke.
- c. Why's Ann taking some aspirin?  
Because she \_\_\_\_\_ a headache.
- d. What would you like to drink?  
I \_\_\_\_\_ a Coke, please
- e. Can you lend me two pounds?  
Sorry. I \_\_\_\_\_ any money on me at all.
- f. Maria \_\_\_\_\_ her baby. It's a girl. They are calling her Lily.
- g. We \_\_\_\_\_ a party next Saturday. Would you like to come?
- h. David! Can I \_\_\_\_\_ a word with you for a moment?
- i. How was the party last night? \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ a good time?
- j. What time \_\_\_\_\_ she usually \_\_\_\_\_ lunch?  
About 1.00.