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Grammar Snacks

Have got (have/has + got) is used to talk mainly about possessions or personal attributes.



Pim

Give me some examples, please.

Certainly, here you are:

I've got a new computer.
They haven't got any red chilli peppers.
She's got long, brown hair.
He hasn't got many friends.



Sophie



So the negative is *have/has + not + got*?

Yes, but don't forget the contraction.

Daisy hasn't got her books yet.
You haven't got 50p, have you?



Is *has got* only used for things?

No, it's also used for timetabled events or illnesses.

I've got swimming practice at seven.
Fred's got a terrible cold.

You can use *have got* for abstract things too.

I've got an idea for the weekend.
I've got all the inspiration I need... up here!



Can I use *have got* in the past? For example: *I had got a racing bicycle when I was younger.*

No, it's only used in the present tense. For the past you use *had* without *got*.

*I **had** a racing bicycle.*



What about the question form?

You use **have/has + subject + got**.

Have you got everything you need?

Have we got any red chilli peppers at home?

Have you got a minute?



Hang on a minute, I've heard *Do you have...?* a lot too.

Yes, *have got* is more used in British English and *have* is more American. The question and negative form is different with *have* – you need to use the auxiliary *do/does*.

*I **have** two sisters. (American English)*

***Do you have** change for ten dollars? (American English)*

*He **doesn't have** a clue about soccer. (American English)*

You will hear British people use *have* as well as *have got*.



Anything else I should know?

In British English we use *have got* more in speaking and *have* more in writing – it's a little more formal.



OK, I've **got** it now!

Very clever! Yes, you can also use *have got* to mean 'understand'.

Watch the video here: <http://bit.ly/li3VxT>

