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

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.

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 50 p, 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.
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Have we got any red chilli peppers at home?
Have you got a minute?

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

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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?

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Okay, I've got it now!

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

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