

# Have VS Have got



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**

Example: **I've got** two sisters

**I have** two sisters



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

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

Have a bath/ a shower/ a rest/

Have a chat/ a row/ a bad dream/ have a look at something/ a word with someone



## Exercises:

Complete with correct forms of have or have got:



My sister-in-laws ..... short blond hair. She also ..... blue eyes



I ..... (not to have) a car.



I ..... a headache.



Sam and I ..... dinner at 8 o'clock



- 'Ok kids, let's ..... a break now'

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

Example: **Have** you **got** any money?

**Do you have** any money?

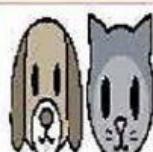
**He doesn't have** a dog

**He hasn't got** a dog

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



**Have got** is more **informal**. We use it more in spoken English. We use have more in written English. Have with do/ does is more common in American English



I love to ..... a dog and a cat at home



I'd like to ..... another coffee, please.



My son ..... a bike.



She ..... a good time at Paris.



- '..... you ..... a cigarette Jack?'