

HAVE GOT / HAVE

British English	American English
(+) S + have / has + got + ...	(+) S + have / has + ...
(-) S + have / has + not + got + ...	(-) S + do / does + not + have + ...
(?) Have / Has + S + got + ...?	(?) Do / Does + S + have + ...?
→ Yes, S + have / has. → No, S + haven't / hasn't.	→ Yes, S + do / does. → No, S + don't / doesn't.
Notes: Have not got = haven't got Has not got = hasn't got I / you / we / they + have got haven't got	Notes: Do not have = don't have Does not have = doesn't I / you / we / they + have don't have he / she / it + has got hasn't got

In British English, we use:

I have got = I've got

You have got = You've got

We have got = We've got

They have got = They've got

He has got = He's got

She has got = She's got

It has got = It's got

In American English, there is no short form in the affirmative sentences for the verb “have”.

PRACTICE

Exercise 1: Write the given sentences into American English.

British English	American English
1. John has got a new kite.	→
2. We haven't got any eggs.	→
3. Has Mary got an orange cat?	→
4. It has got big ears.	→
5. They have got a beautiful car.	→
6. Have you got any money?	→
7. Has the dog got small feet?	→
8. I haven't got any cheese.	→

Exercise 2: Write the short answers.



Has she got a pen?

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Do they have a cat?

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Has he got a guitar?

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Does she have a red bike?

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Do they have hats?

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Does he have a phone?

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Does she have a TV?

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Have you got flowers?

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Exercise 3: Put the words in the correct order to make sentences as in the example.

1. two / Sue / got / has / sisters .

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2. got / they / children / any / have ?

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3. my cat / eyes / has / blue / got .

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4. they've / new / a / skateboard / got .

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5. you / do / any / have / biscuits ?

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6. oranges / any / I / got / haven't.

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7. big / garden / my house / has / a .

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8. Paul / got / some / and / Charlie / toys / have .

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9. the / do / have / girls / hair / red ?

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10. toothbrush / I've / a / new / got .

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