

FUMC ESL 1-22-2020 High Intermediate Lesson Using HAVE GOT

Is "have got" correct English? Yes for certain situations.

1. We use "have got" to talk about things we own.

EX: We have a house in southern France. OR We have got a house in southern France.
He has a new car. OR He's got a new car. (He's is the short form for "he has".)
Do you have a minute to talk? OR Have you got a minute to talk?
I don't have time right now. OR I haven't got time right now.
I have an idea. OR I've got an idea.

2. We use "have got" to talk about family and relationships.

EX: I have a new boyfriend. OR I've got a new boyfriend.
Mike doesn't have any brothers. OR Mike hasn't got any brothers.
Do you have any children? OR Have you got any children?

3. We use "have got" to talk about physical characteristics.

EX: Carol has brown eyes. OR Carol's got brown eyes.
Does your sister have long hair. OR Has your sister got brown hair.

4. We use "have got" to talk about illness.

EX: I have a bad cold. OR I've got a bad cold.
Do you have the flu? OR Have you got the flu?

5. We use "have got" to talk about plans.

EX: I have to catch the bus now. OR I've got to catch the bus now.
I have to study for my test. OR I've got to study for my test.

We don't use "have got" in the past tense. EX: I had got new shoes, but I returned them. You can say "I got new shoes, but I returned them." Leave out the "had".

Wrong: I usually have got dinner around 8 PM.

Wrong: I had got a bad cold when I went to Washington.

Wrong: I have got a cold every time I have gone there. Correct: I have gotten a cold...

Wrong: I don't have got any money. I don't got any money. Correct: I don't have any money.

Wrong: Do you have got any change? Do you got any change? Correct: Do you have any change?

Are these uses OK?

Got a minute? Notice the have is left out. This is OK in casual, spoken English.

I gotta feeling. This is casual, spoken English for, "I have got a feeling."

Write the "got" version of the sentences below. The first one is done for you.

I don't have time now. I haven't got time now.

Do you have a car?

You have a nice apartment. _____

We have a busy day today. _____

Do you have any candy for the kids? _____

I'm sorry, but I have to go now. _____

Mother has no say in who I date. _____

Use "have got" or "has got" to talk about :

things you have to do today _____

things you have in your apartment _____

family or relations _____

Students, read these conversations and explain their meaning to the group.

A: Susan, have you got any sugar? I'm making a cake and I didn't realize I was out of sugar.

B: I think I've got some in my pantry. Hold on a second and I'll look.

A: Tomorrow is the last day to renew my driver's license. I've got to go downtown.

B: I got mine renewed last month. I had to stand in line forever.

A: I've got a test in the morning. Hopefully I will have time to get it done in the afternoon.

A: Why are you so quiet today, Jan? Has the cat got your tongue?

B: No, the cat hasn't got my tongue. I just don't feel like talking to you right now. I've got better things to do.

A: Are you still mad at me because I got those tickets without asking you?

B: If you had waited to ask me, then gotten the tickets, I wouldn't be mad. But you spent \$250 on tickets to a football game without even asking me if I wanted to go.

A: Dan's family's got a lot of money. His mom always worries some girl will find out he's rich and try to get her hooks into him.

B: What does Dan think?

A: He says he's got to be careful. He doesn't want someone who dates him because he's rich.

B: (laughing) I have never had that worry. Any girl who dates me, does it for my personality and good looks because I'm dead broke.

A: My friend got caught shoplifting. They caught him expensive jewelry in his pockets.

B: He'll need a good lawyer to get him off the hook for that. Why in the world would he shoplift?

A: He's got a lot of problems. His wife is disabled and can't work. He's got to pay for childcare for his kids and a caregiver for his wife while he's at work.