

UNIT 24 Have and have got

a) Have and have got

We often use **have got** / **has got** rather than **have/has** alone. So you can say:

- We've got a new car. or We have a new car.
- Tom's got (= Tom has got) a headache. or Tom has a headache.

In questions and negative sentences there are three possible forms:

Have you got any money?	I haven't got any money.
Do you have any money?	I don't have any money.
Have you any money? (<i>less usual</i>)	I haven't any money.
Has she got a car?	She hasn't got a car.
Does she have a car?	She doesn't have a car.
Has she a car? (<i>less usual</i>)	She hasn't a car.

In the past we do *not* normally use **got**:

- When she was a child, she had long fair hair. (*not* 'she had got')

In past questions and negative sentences we normally use **did/didn't**:

- Did you have a car when you lived in London? (*not* 'had you')
- I wanted to phone you, but I didn't have your number. (*not* 'I hadn't')
- He didn't have a watch, so he didn't know what time it was.

b) Have for actions

We also use **have** for a number of actions. For example:

have breakfast / lunch / dinner / a meal / a drink / a cup of coffee / a cigarette etc.
have a swim / a walk / a rest / a holiday / a party / a good time etc.
have a bath / a shower / a wash
have a look (at something)
have a baby (= give birth to a baby)
have a chat (with someone)

'Have got' is *not* possible in these expressions:

- I usually have a big breakfast in the morning. (*not* 'have got')

Compare:

- I have a bath every morning. (= I take a bath – *this is an action.*)
- I've got a bath. (= There is a bath in my house.)

When you use **have** for actions, you can use continuous forms (**is having / are having / was having** etc.):

- 'Where's Tom?' 'He's having a bath.'

In questions and negative sentences you must use **do/does/did**:

- I don't usually have a big breakfast. (*not* 'I usually haven't')
- What time does Ann have lunch? (*not* 'has Ann lunch')
- Did you have a swim this morning? (*not* 'had you a swim')

UNIT 24 Exercises

24.1 In this exercise you have to make negative sentences with **have**. Some sentences are present (can't) and some past (couldn't).

Examples: I can't make a phone call. (any change) I haven't got any change.
 I couldn't read the notice. (my glasses) I didn't have my glasses.

- 1 I can't climb up onto the roof. (a ladder) I
- 2 We couldn't visit the museum. (enough time) We
- 3 He couldn't find his way to our house. (a map)
- 4 She can't pay her bills. (any money)
- 5 I couldn't make an omelette. (any eggs)
- 6 I can't get into the house. (my key)
- 7 They couldn't take any photographs. (a camera)
- 8 We couldn't go out in the rain. (an umbrella)

24.2 Complete these questions with **have**. Some are present and some are past.

Examples: Excuse me, have you got a light, please?
 Did you have a lot of friends when you lived in London?

- 1 Why are you holding your mouth like that? a toothache?
- 2 enough time to answer all the questions in the exam last week?
- 3 I need a stamp for this letter. any?
- 4 'It started to rain when I was walking home.' 'Did it? an umbrella?'
- 5 '..... the time, please?' 'Yes, it's ten past seven.'
- 6 a beard before you joined the army?

24.3 Complete these sentences using the most suitable expressions from the box. Put the verb into the correct form where necessary.

have a baby	have a swim	have a nice time	have a bath
have a party	have a chat	have a good flight	have a rest
have a cigarette	have a look	have a nice meal	

- 1 Jack likes to keep fit, so he has a swim every day.
- 2 Tom and Ann have just come back from the restaurant. You say:
Hello, did you have a nice meal?
- 3 We last Friday. It was great – we invited lots of people.
- 4 'How often?' 'Not often. I don't like washing.'
- 5 Suzanne gave up her job six months ago when she
- 6 Excuse me, can I at your newspaper, please?
- 7 You meet Tom at the airport. He has just arrived. You say:
Hello, Tom!
- 8 'Where's Jim?' 'He in his room. He is very tired.'
- 9 I met Ann in the street yesterday. We stopped and
- 10 I haven't seen you since you came back from holiday.?
- 11 I don't usually smoke. But I felt nervous, so I