

# Grammar Practice Exercises

## HAVE and HAVE GOT

(Possession, Experiences, and Actions)

English Grammar in Use — Unit 17

15 Exercises • 130+ Questions • With Auxiliary Verb Focus

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*Includes grammar summary card and ruled pages for personal notes.*

### Grammar Summary: HAVE and HAVE GOT

#### 1. For possession, relationships, illnesses, appointments:

**have** = **have got** (same meaning)

*I have a car.* = *I've got a car.*

*She has two brothers.* = *She's got two brothers.*

*He has a headache.* = *He's got a headache.*

#### 2. Questions and negatives — three forms:

*Do you have...? Have you got...? Have you...? (less usual)*

*I don't have... I haven't got... I haven't... (less usual)*

#### 3. For past tense: Use **had** (NOT “had got”)

*Lisa had long hair when she was a child.*

#### 4. For actions/experiences (have breakfast, have a shower, have fun, etc.):

Use **have** only (NOT “have got”). Questions/negatives use **do/does/did**.

*Did you have a good time? (NOT Had you got a good time?)*

**Key Distinction: Auxiliary Verbs**

When do you use DO/DOES/DID vs. HAVE/HAS/HAD?

- **Simple past questions/negatives** about states at a specific time → **did/didn't**  
*Did you have a car when you lived in Paris?*
- **Past perfect** (earlier state before another past action) → **had/hadn't**  
*I couldn't call you because I hadn't got my phone.*
- **Present habits/routines** → **do/does**  
*How often do you have a shower?*
- **Experiences up to now** → **have/has**  
*Have you ever had problems with your car?*

**Difficulty Progression Guide**

**EASY (Exercises 1-4):** Recognition, basic have/have got forms  
**MEDIUM (Exercises 5-9):** Choosing correct forms, auxiliary distinctions  
**HARD (Exercises 10-12):** Error correction, tense sequences, production  
**REAL-LIFE & EXAM (Exercises 13-15):** Practical usage, exam practice

## — EASY EXERCISES —

### *Recognition & Basic Formation*

**Exercises 1-4** focus on recognizing and forming have/have got correctly. Complete these with 90%+ accuracy before moving to Medium exercises.

## 1 Exercise 1: HAVE or HAVE GOT — Rewrite

*Rewrite the sentences using the alternative form. Both forms mean the same thing.*

**Example:** I have a new phone. → *I've got a new phone.*

1. She has three children.

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2. We've got a big garden.

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3. He's got a headache.

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4. I have an appointment tomorrow.

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5. They've got two dogs and a cat.

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6. Our house has a small garden.

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7. Have you got any questions?

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8. Does she have a car?

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9. I haven't got any money.

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10. We don't have enough time.

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## 2 Exercise 2: Make Questions — DO or HAVE?

Write questions for these answers. Use the correct auxiliary: DO/DOES or HAVE/HAS.

**Example:** Yes, I have a car. → *Do you have a car?* OR *Have you got a car?*

1. Yes, she has two sisters.

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2. No, I don't have any pets.

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3. Yes, they've got a swimming pool.

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4. No, he hasn't got a driving license.

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5. Yes, our flat has a balcony.

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6. No, I haven't got my passport with me.

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### 3 Exercise 3: HAVE for Actions — Complete the Sentences

Complete the sentences with the correct form of HAVE. Remember: for actions (have breakfast, have a shower, etc.), use DO/DOES/DID in questions and negatives, NOT “have got”.

1. What time do you usually \_\_\_\_\_ breakfast?
2. We \_\_\_\_\_ a great time at the party last night.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ a good holiday?
4. I'm going to \_\_\_\_\_ a shower before dinner.
5. She \_\_\_\_\_ lunch with her colleagues every day.
6. They didn't \_\_\_\_\_ any problems finding the hotel.
7. We're \_\_\_\_\_ a party next Saturday. Would you like to come?
8. \_\_\_\_\_ you usually \_\_\_\_\_ coffee in the morning?
9. I \_\_\_\_\_ a dream last night about flying.
10. Let's \_\_\_\_\_ a break. I'm tired.

#### Remember: HAVE for Actions

These expressions use **have** (NOT have got):

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| • have breakfast/lunch/dinner | • have a rest/break | • have a look             |
| • have a shower/bath          | • have a dream      | • have a chat             |
| • have a good time            | • have an accident  | • have difficulty/trouble |

You CAN use continuous forms: *We're having a great time!*

### 4 Exercise 4: Past Tense — HAD

Complete the sentences using HAD. Remember: for the past, we use “had” (NOT “had got”).

1. When I was young, I \_\_\_\_\_ long hair.
2. She \_\_\_\_\_ a beautiful dress at her wedding.

3. Did you \_\_\_\_\_ a car when you were living in Paris?
4. They \_\_\_\_\_ a big house before they moved to an apartment.
5. I didn't \_\_\_\_\_ time to go shopping yesterday.
6. \_\_\_\_\_ Lisa \_\_\_\_\_ any brothers or sisters?
7. We \_\_\_\_\_ a wonderful holiday in Italy last summer.
8. He \_\_\_\_\_ a really bad cold last week.

## — MEDIUM EXERCISES —

### *Application & Auxiliary Verb Distinctions*

**Exercises 5-9** require choosing correct forms and understanding when to use DO/DOES/DID vs. HAVE/HAS/HAD.

## 5 Exercise 5: DO/DOES or HAVE/HAS? — Choose the Correct Auxiliary

*Complete the questions with the correct auxiliary verb: DO, DOES, HAVE, or HAS.*

1. \_\_\_\_\_ you have any brothers or sisters?
2. \_\_\_\_\_ she got a new job?
3. \_\_\_\_\_ they have breakfast together every morning?
4. \_\_\_\_\_ you got time to help me?
5. How often \_\_\_\_\_ you have English classes?
6. \_\_\_\_\_ your house got a garden?
7. What time \_\_\_\_\_ he usually have lunch?
8. \_\_\_\_\_ you ever had problems with your computer?
9. \_\_\_\_\_ Maria have a car, or does she take the bus?
10. \_\_\_\_\_ you got your passport with you?

### Common Mistake for Brazilians

In Portuguese, we often use “ter” for everything. But in English:

- **Routines/habits** (how often, usually) → **DO/DOES** + have  
*How often **do** you have lunch at home?* (NOT *How often have you...*)
- **Possession NOW** → **HAVE/HAS** got OR **DO/DOES** + have  
***Have** you got a car? = **Do** you have a car?*

## 6 Exercise 6: DID or HAD? — Past Tense Distinctions

Complete each sentence with *DID*, *DIDN'T*, *HAD*, or *HADN'T*. Think carefully about whether it's simple past or past perfect.

1. I was very busy yesterday. I \_\_\_\_\_ have time to call you.
2. I couldn't contact you because I \_\_\_\_\_ have my phone.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ you have any problems on your trip?
4. By noon yesterday, I \_\_\_\_\_ had time to eat — but later I did.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ she have a good time at the party?
6. He was hungry because he \_\_\_\_\_ had breakfast.
7. We \_\_\_\_\_ have any trouble finding the restaurant.
8. I couldn't pay because I \_\_\_\_\_ brought my wallet.
9. \_\_\_\_\_ they have enough money to buy the house?
10. The meeting was cancelled because she \_\_\_\_\_ had time to prepare.

### Understanding the Distinction

**Simple Past (DID/DIDN'T):** Single past timeframe, no sequence needed.

*I **didn't have** time yesterday.* (fact at a specific past time)

**Past Perfect (HAD/HADN'T):** Earlier state BEFORE another past action.

*I couldn't call because I **hadn't got** my phone.* (not having the phone → couldn't call)

**Key question:** Is there a CAUSE before a RESULT? → Use past perfect.



## 7 Exercise 7: Why Is This Wrong? — Auxiliary Verb Analysis

*Each sentence contains an error with auxiliary verbs. Find the error, correct it, and explain why the original is wrong.*

1. *How often have you a shower?*

Correction: \_\_\_\_\_

Why wrong? \_\_\_\_\_

2. *Was your trip OK? Had you had any problems?*

Correction: \_\_\_\_\_

Why wrong? \_\_\_\_\_

3. *Yesterday I was very tired. I hadn't had enough sleep.*

Correction: \_\_\_\_\_

Why wrong? \_\_\_\_\_

4. *Have you got breakfast yet?*

Correction: \_\_\_\_\_

Why wrong? \_\_\_\_\_

5. *We didn't got time to finish the project.*

Correction: \_\_\_\_\_

Why wrong? \_\_\_\_\_

6. *How long have you had got this car?*

Correction: \_\_\_\_\_

Why wrong? \_\_\_\_\_

## 8 Exercise 8: Choose the Correct Form

*Circle the correct option (A or B) to complete each sentence.*

1. I'm sorry I'm late. \_\_\_\_\_ trouble finding the place.

A) I've had

B) I had

2. \_\_\_\_\_ a good time at the concert last night?
- A) Had you got  
B) Did you have
3. She couldn't drive to work because she \_\_\_\_\_ her license with her.
- A) didn't have  
B) hadn't got
4. \_\_\_\_\_ ever \_\_\_\_\_ sushi before you went to Japan?
- A) Did you ... have  
B) Had you ... had
5. We're enjoying our holiday. We \_\_\_\_\_ a wonderful time.
- A) have  
B) 're having
6. How often \_\_\_\_\_ your car serviced?
- A) do you have  
B) have you got
7. \_\_\_\_\_ any experience in marketing when you applied for the job?
- A) Did you have  
B) Had you had
8. They've been married for 20 years. They \_\_\_\_\_ two children.
- A) 've got  
B) 're having
9. I couldn't answer the phone because I \_\_\_\_\_ a shower.
- A) had  
B) was having
10. \_\_\_\_\_ problems before the new software was installed?
- A) Had you had  
B) Did you have

## 9 Exercise 9: Complete the Dialogues

*Complete these dialogues using the correct form of HAVE with the appropriate auxiliary if needed.*

**1. At a hotel reception:**

Receptionist: “\_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ a reservation?”

Guest: “Yes, I \_\_\_\_\_ a booking for two nights.”

**2. At a job interview:**

Interviewer: “\_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ any experience in this field?”

Candidate: “Yes, I \_\_\_\_\_ three years of experience.”

**3. At a restaurant:**

Waiter: “\_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ a nice meal?”

Customer: “Yes, we \_\_\_\_\_ a wonderful time. Thank you!”

**4. Between friends:**

A: “Why couldn’t you come to the party last night?”

B: “I \_\_\_\_\_ time. I \_\_\_\_\_ too much work to finish.”

**5. Doctor’s appointment:**

Doctor: “How long \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ this headache?”

Patient: “I \_\_\_\_\_ it for about three days now.”

**6. After an exam:**

A: “\_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ any difficulty with the test?”

B: “Yes, I \_\_\_\_\_ trouble with the last question.”

## — HARD EXERCISES —

### *Production & Analysis*

**Exercises 10-12** require error correction, tense sequence analysis, and free production. Focus on understanding WHY forms are correct or incorrect.

## 10 Exercise 10: Error Correction — Find and Fix

*Some of these sentences are correct, and some have errors. If the sentence is correct, write "CORRECT." If there is an error, correct it and explain the mistake.*

1. *I didn't have breakfast this morning, so I'm hungry now.*

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2. *Have you a moment? I need to ask you something.*

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3. *We hadn't got enough money, so we couldn't buy tickets.*

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4. *Did you have got any problems with your visa application?*

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5. *She has got long hair when she was a child.*

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6. *We're having a wonderful holiday — the weather is perfect!*

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7. *How often are you having meetings with your team?*

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8. *I couldn't enter because I hadn't my key.*

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9. *Have you ever had an accident?*

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10. *Yesterday was terrible. I hadn't had time for anything.*

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## 11 Exercise 11: Tense Sequence Analysis

For each pair of sentences, explain why one uses simple past (DID/DIDN'T) and the other uses past perfect (HAD/HADN'T). What's the difference in meaning?

1. **A:** *I didn't have time yesterday.*  
**B:** *I hadn't had time, so I couldn't finish the report.*

Explanation:

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2. **A:** *Did you have any problems on the trip?*  
**B:** *Had you had any problems before the trip was cancelled?*

Explanation:

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3. **A:** *She didn't have her passport.*  
**B:** *She couldn't board the plane because she hadn't got her passport.*

Explanation:

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## 12 Exercise 12: Write Your Own Sentences

*Write sentences using the prompts. Pay careful attention to the tense and auxiliary required by each context.*

1. **Simple past negative — state at a specific past time:**

(not have / enough money / yesterday)

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2. **Past perfect — cause before result:**

(couldn't buy / because / not have / wallet)

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3. **Present perfect — experience up to now:**

(ever / problems / with your phone?)

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4. **Simple present — routine/habit:**

(how often / a shower?)

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5. **Present continuous — action happening now:**

(we / a great time / at the beach)

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6. **Simple past question — general query about past period:**

(any difficulty / finding the hotel?)

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## — REAL-LIFE & EXAM PRACTICE —

### *Practical Application & Exam Preparation*

**Exercises 13-15** apply have/have got in realistic contexts and prepare you for Cambridge, IELTS, and TOEFL exams.

## 13 Exercise 13: Real-Life Situations

*Complete these realistic conversations using appropriate forms of HAVE. Consider the context carefully.*

### Situation A: At the Airport

**Security Officer:** Good morning. (1) \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ any liquids in your bag?  
**Passenger:** Yes, I (2) \_\_\_\_\_ a bottle of water. Is that a problem?  
**Security Officer:** I'm afraid you can't take it through. (3) \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ any problems on previous flights with this?  
**Passenger:** No, I (4) never \_\_\_\_\_ any issues before. I'll just throw it away.

### Situation B: Job Interview Follow-up

**HR Manager:** Thank you for coming back. (5) \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ time to think about our offer?  
**Candidate:** Yes, I (6) \_\_\_\_\_ a long discussion with my family about it.  
**HR Manager:** Great. Before we finalize, I need to ask: (7) \_\_\_\_\_ you ever \_\_\_\_\_ any conflicts with colleagues in previous jobs?  
**Candidate:** Not really. I (8) \_\_\_\_\_ always \_\_\_\_\_ good relationships with my coworkers.

### Situation C: Medical Appointment

**Doctor:** Hello, how can I help you today?  
**Patient:** I (9) \_\_\_\_\_ terrible headaches lately.  
**Doctor:** I see. How long (10) \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ these symptoms?  
**Patient:** For about two weeks. I (11) \_\_\_\_\_ a similar problem last year, but it went away.  
**Doctor:** (12) \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ any stress at work recently?  
**Patient:** Yes, I (13) \_\_\_\_\_ a very demanding project to finish.

## 14 Exercise 14: Cambridge FCE — Key Word Transformations

*Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. Do not change the word given. Use between two and five words.*

### Cambridge FCE Practice

1. She owns three cars.

**GOT**

She \_\_\_\_\_ three cars.

2. I couldn't call you because I left my phone at home.

**HADN'T**

I couldn't call you because I \_\_\_\_\_ with me.

3. When did you start working here?

**LONG**

How \_\_\_\_\_ this job?

4. Is there a garden in your house?

**GOT**

Has \_\_\_\_\_ garden?

5. We enjoyed ourselves at the party.

**TIME**

We \_\_\_\_\_ at the party.

6. Did you experience any difficulties during the project?

**TROUBLE**

Did \_\_\_\_\_ during the project?

## 15 Exercise 15: Writing Task — Personal Experience

*Write a short paragraph (80-100 words) about one of these topics. Use various forms of HAVE correctly, including:*

- have/have got for possession
- have for actions/experiences
- correct auxiliary verbs (do/does/did vs. have/has/had)

**Choose ONE topic:**



- A) A time when you had problems during a trip

*Describe what happened, what problems you had, and how you solved them.*

- B) Your daily routine

*Describe when you have breakfast, how often you have meetings, etc.*

- C) A job interview experience

*Describe what experience you had, what questions they asked about what you had done before.*

Write your paragraph:

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# Quick Reference

## HAVE and HAVE GOT

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### When to Use Each Form

#### 1. HAVE = HAVE GOT (for possession, relationships, illnesses)

- I **have** a car. = I've **got** a car.
- She **has** a headache. = She's **got** a headache.

#### 2. Questions and Negatives

With DO/DOES	With HAVE/HAS
Do you have a car?	Have you got a car?
I don't have time.	I haven't got time.
Does she have a sister?	Has she got a sister?

#### 3. Past Tense — Use HAD (not “had got”)

- I **had** a bike when I was young. (NOT *I had got*)
- **Did** you **have** a car? (NOT *Had you got*)

#### 4. HAVE for Actions — Use DO/DOES/DID

- How often **do** you **have** a shower? (NOT *How often have you...*)
- **Did** you **have** a good time? (NOT *Had you got...*)
- We're **having** a party. (continuous OK for actions)

## Auxiliary Verb Decision Tree

### Asking about the PAST?

- Single past fact/state → **DID** + have  
*Did you have any problems yesterday?*
- Cause BEFORE result (two past points) → **HAD** + had/got  
*I couldn't pay because I hadn't got my wallet.*

### Asking about the PRESENT?

- Routine/habit (how often, usually) → **DO/DOES** + have  
*How often do you have meetings?*
- Possession NOW → **HAVE/HAS** got OR **DO/DOES** + have  
*Have you got a pen? = Do you have a pen?*
- Experience up to now → **HAVE/HAS** + had  
*Have you ever had sushi?*

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