

specific time in the past = always past

have: lexical and grammatical uses

different uses of have as a main verb

- 1 I have a large extended family.
- 2 I'm having problems with my wi-fi.
- 3 Do we really have to spend Christmas with your parents again?
- 4 We're going to have our house repainted next week.
I had my phone stolen when I was paying at the checkout.

- We don't usually contract have when it is a main verb.

- 1 We use have as a main verb for possession.

- have with this meaning is a stative (non-action) verb and is not used in continuous tenses. have is also a stative verb when used to talk about relationships or illnesses.

- 2 We use have + object as a main verb for actions and experiences, e.g. have a bath, a drink, a problem, etc.

- have with this meaning is a dynamic (action) verb and can be used in continuous tenses.

- 3 We use have to as a main verb to express obligation, especially obligation imposed by others, and rules and regulations.

- 4 We use have as a main verb + object + past participle to say that you ask or pay another person to do something for you, or that something bad has been done to you.

different uses of have as an auxiliary verb

- 1 We've got two sons, but we haven't got a daughter.
- 2 I haven't the time to go to the bank.
- 3 I've got to go now - I'm meeting my girlfriend for lunch.
- 4 They've been married for 15 years.
How long has Anna been going out with James?
- 5 She'll have finished lunch in a few minutes, so call her then.
If I hadn't taken a taxi, I wouldn't have arrived in time.

- have as an auxiliary verb is often contracted.

- 1 We often use have got for possession.

- We normally use had for the past, not had got, e.g. My grandparents had six children. NOT My grandparents had got...

- 2 In negative sentences, we occasionally leave out got, especially in fixed expressions like I haven't time, I haven't a clue.

- 3 We use have got to to express obligation, especially in informal English.

- have got to is normally used for a specific obligation rather than a general or repeated obligation. Compare:
I've got to make a quick phone call. (= specific)
I have to wear a suit to work. (= general)

- 4 We use have as an auxiliary verb to form the present perfect simple and continuous.

- 5 We also use have for other perfect forms, e.g. the future perfect, the perfect infinitive, the past perfect, etc.

have or have got in idioms and expressions

- 1 I think my sister has been borrowing money from my mother. I'm going to have it out with her. (= talk openly about it)
You're getting married? You're having me on! (= play a joke on sb)
I'm going to have a go at making home-made pasta. (= try)
We had such a laugh at the party last night. (= enjoy yourself)
That's it. I've had it with Mark. I'm never going to speak to him again. (= have had enough of sb/sth)
- 2 My boss is constantly asking me to work late. She really has it in for me. (= not like sb and be unpleasant to them)
I don't think I've got it in me to find somebody new. (= feel capable of sth)

- There are many idioms and expressions with have, some of which can also be used with have got.

- 1 These expressions only exist with have.

- 2 These expressions exist with both have and have got.

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All drivers have to have car insurance.

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- 13 How long have you been getting on badly?

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