# Have and have got

**Have got** means exactly the same as **have** in most cases. Note that **got-forms** of **have** are informal. They are mostly used to talk about the present time. **Do** is not used in questions and negatives with **got**.

- She **has got** a new boyfriend.
- **Has** she **got** a new boyfriend? (NOT Does she have got a new boyfriend?)
- No, she **hasn't got** a new boyfriend. (NOT No, she doesn't have got a new boyfriend.)

- I **have got** toothache.
- **Have** you **got** toothache?
- No, I **don't have** toothache.

**Got-forms** of **have** are not used in short answers or tags.

- 'Have you got a torch?' 'No, I **haven't.**' (NOT No, I haven't got.)

**Got-forms of have** are not normally used to talk about past events.

- I **had** a strange experience yesterday. (NOT I had got a strange experience yesterday.)

**Got-forms of have** are not normally used to talk about repeated states.

Compare:

- I **have got** a meeting today. (More natural than 'I have a meeting today.')
- I often **have** meetings. (NOT I often have got meetings.) We do not normally use **have got** to talk about repeated states.

When **have** is not used with **got, do** is usually used in questions and negatives.

- **Do** you often **have** meetings? (NOT Have you often meetings?)
- No, I **don't have** meetings very often.

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