

Basic English Grammar- **have, has, had** – LIVE YouTube Workshop (17 January 2018)

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Form

	I / You / We / They / Plural noun	He / She / It / Singular noun
Affirmative		
Present	have	has
Past	had	had
Negative		
Present	don't have	doesn't have
Past	didn't have	didn't have
Question		
Present	Do + sub + have ...?	Does + sub + have ...?
Past	Did + sub + have ...?	Did + sub + have ...?

Uses

1. Ownership – “We **have** a car.”
2. Relationship – “Bruce **has** a wife and two kids.”
3. Feature (characteristic) – “Anu **has** a fantastic singing voice.”
4. Illness – “I **have** a really bad headache today.”
5. Experience – “I hope you **have** a great time at the party.”
6. Eating/drinking – “My colleagues usually **have** lunch at 1 PM.”

State or action verb?

The first four uses listed above (ownership, relationship, feature, illness) all express states or situations. You should not use the -ing or continuous form (“having”) with these uses:

1. Ownership – ~~“We are having a car.”~~ “We **have** a car.”
2. Relationship – ~~“Bruce is having a wife and two kids.”~~ “Bruce **has** a wife and two kids.”
3. Feature (characteristic) – ~~“Anu is having a fantastic singing voice.”~~ “Anu **has** a fantastic singing voice.”
4. Illness – ~~“I am having a really bad headache today.”~~ “I **have** a really bad headache today.”

However, to talk about experiences and eating/drinking, it’s OK to use “having”:

5. Experience – “I hope you **have** a great time at the party.” “I’**m** **having** a great time at this party.” “I **was** **having** a great time at the party when the power went out.”

6. Eating/drinking – “My colleagues usually **have** lunch at 1 PM.” “My colleagues **are having** lunch right now.” “My colleagues **were having** lunch when the boss came in and told everybody to get back to work.”

Exercise 1 – have vs. has

In each sentence, fill in the gap with **have** or **has**:

1. I _____ a friend who works at IBM.
2. Lucy _____ a large family.
3. Feel free to ask if you _____ any questions.
4. The Smiths _____ pizza for dinner every day.
5. Sushil _____ an M.S. in electrical engineering.
6. We _____ a house in California.
7. My cell phone _____ a 16-megapixel camera.
8. We _____ a flight to São Paulo on Saturday morning.
9. I always _____ coffee first thing in the morning.
10. Clara _____ no time to cook in the morning because she leaves early for work.

Answers: (1) have (2) has (3) have (4) have (5) has (6) have (7) has (8) have (9) have (10) has

Exercise 2 – have vs. has vs. had

In each sentence, fill in the gaps with **have**, **has** or **had**:

1. I _____ cereal and orange juice for breakfast today.
2. Radha _____ beautiful blue eyes, doesn't she?
3. Have you ever thought about getting into acting? You _____ a great talent for it!
4. We _____ a lot of difficulty finding Jon's house on the day of the party.
5. I'm taking the kids to the amusement park tomorrow. They always _____ a lot of fun there.
6. Ross _____ a lot of money, but he lost it all on the stock market.
7. What many guests like about this hotel is that it _____ its own gym and swimming pool.
8. We _____ a small accident on the way here.
9. I wish I _____ my glasses right now. I often _____ trouble reading without them.
10. I heard Mr. Gupta _____ a heart attack last week.

Answers: (1) had (2) has (3) have (4) had (5) have (6) had (7) has (8) had (9) had, have (10) had

Exercise 3 – state or action verb?

Identify and correct the errors in the following sentences:

1. Lucy is having a large family.
2. I wish I had my glasses. I'm having trouble reading this small print.
3. My cell phone is having a 16-megapixel camera.
4. You're having lunch with your friends tomorrow, aren't you?
5. Radha is having beautiful blue eyes.

6. Clara was having breakfast when the doorbell rang.
7. I think I'm having a fever. Are you having a thermometer?
8. Ross is a rich man. He is having a lot of money.
9. I'm at the amusement park with the kids and they're having a great time here!
10. We're having a house in California.

Answers:

1. **Wrong** – this sentence expresses a state (relationship).
Correction: "Lucy **has** a large family."
2. **Correct (bad experience)**
3. **Wrong** – this sentence expresses a state (feature)
Correction: My cell phone **has** a 16-megapixel camera.
4. **Correct (eating)**
5. **Wrong** – this sentence expresses a state (feature)
Correction: Radha **has** beautiful blue eyes.
6. **Correct (eating)**
7. **Wrong** – this sentence expresses two states (illness, ownership)
Correction: I think I **have** a fever. **Do you have** a thermometer?
8. **Wrong** – this sentence expresses a state (ownership)
Correction: Ross is a rich man. He **has** a lot of money.
9. **Correct (good experience)**
10. **Wrong** – this sentence expresses a state (ownership)
Correction: We **has** a house in California.

Exercise 4 – Negatives and questions

Change the following affirmative sentences to negatives and interrogatives (questions):

1. Lucy has a large family.
2. The Smiths have pizza for dinner every day.
3. Sushil has an M.S. in electrical engineering.
4. We have a house in California.
5. My cell phone has a 16-megapixel camera.
6. I always have coffee first thing in the morning.
7. I had cereal and orange juice for breakfast today.
8. Radha has beautiful blue eyes, doesn't she?
9. We had a lot of difficulty finding Jon's house on the day of the party.
10. This hotel has its own gym and swimming pool.
11. Mr. Gupta had a heart attack last week.

Answers:

Negatives

1. Lucy **doesn't have** a large family.
2. The Smiths **don't have** pizza for dinner every day.
3. Sushil **doesn't have** an M.S. in electrical engineering.

4. We **don't have** a house in California.
5. My cell phone **doesn't have** a 16-megapixel camera.
6. I **never have** coffee first thing in the morning.
7. I **didn't have** cereal and orange juice for breakfast today.
8. Radha **doesn't have** beautiful blue eyes, does she?
9. We **didn't have** any difficulty finding Jon's house on the day of the party.
10. This hotel **doesn't have** its own gym and swimming pool.
11. Mr. Gupta **didn't have** a heart attack last week.

Questions

1. **Does** Lucy **have** a large family?
Doesn't Lucy **have** a large family?
2. **Do** the Smiths **have** pizza for dinner every day?
Don't the Smiths **have** pizza for dinner every day?
What do the Smiths **have** for dinner every day?
3. **Does** Sushil **have** an M.S. in electrical engineering?
Doesn't Sushil **have** an M.S. in electrical engineering?
Does Sushil **have** a master's degree?
4. **Do** you **have** a house in California?
Don't you **have** a house in California?
5. **Does** your cell phone **have** a camera?
Doesn't your cell phone **have** a 16-megapixel camera?
What kind of camera **does** your cell phone **have**?
6. **Do** you ever **have** coffee in the morning?
Don't you always **have** coffee in the morning?
7. **Did** you **have** cereal and orange juice for breakfast today?
Didn't you **have** cereal and orange juice for breakfast today?
What did you **have** for breakfast today?
8. **Doesn't** Radha **have** beautiful blue eyes?
9. **Did** you **have** any difficulty finding Jon's house on the day of the party?
10. **Does** this hotel **have** its own gym and swimming pool?
Doesn't this hotel **have** its own gym and swimming pool?
11. **Did** Mr. Gupta **have** a heart attack last week?