

English Grammar

Hasn't VS. Doesn't have



“He
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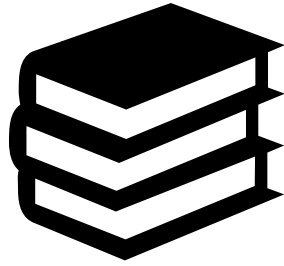


“He
doesn't
have any
money.”

In this PDF I'll explain the difference between **Hasn't** and **Doesn't have** with some simple examples.



Grammar BASICS



- If HAVE/HAS is the **main verb** in your sentence, you need to use the negative form of the auxiliary verb DO/DOES to make your sentence negative.
(DON'T/DOESN'T)
 - “I don't have it.”
- If HAVE/HAS is an **auxiliary verb** that supports another verb in your sentence, you will use HAVEN'T/HASN'T to make the negative.
 - “I haven't seen it.”

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The verb HAVE is written HAS for the third person singular. Third-person singular definition from Your Dictionary dot com.

third-person-singular. (grammar) The form of a verb used (in English and other languages) with singular nouns and with the pronouns he, she, it and one (their equivalents in other languages). "Is" is the third-person singular of "to be".

<https://www.yourdictionary.com/third-person-singular>

Oxford Learner's Dictionaries has 33 uses for the verb HAVE! The #1 definition and the one we will focus on in this post is:

to own, hold or possess something

https://www.oxfordlearnersdictionaries.com/definition/english/have_1?q=have



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There are 2 ways to use the verb “have” in English.

HAVE IS THE MAIN VERB

One way to use HAVE is as the main verb in a sentence. The verb is showing who or what owns, holds or possesses something.

I **have** time on Wednesday.

I will possess time on Wednesday. To have time means to be available, to be free.

Mike **has** the project files.

Mike holds the project files now.

*Note – this meaning of HAVE is not used in the progressive tense.

I'm ~~having~~ time on Wednesday. is **INCORRECT**.



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Some other meanings of HAVE can be used in the progressive tense.

to eat, drink or smoke something

“I’m **having** dinner with Janice tomorrow.”

The third-person-singular is not used in the progressive tense.

Bill is ~~hasing~~ some time on Wednesday. is **INCORRECT**.

More examples

We **have** a new puppy, his name is Rosco.



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Linda **has** a Master’s degree in physics from the University of Toronto.



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HAVE AS AN AUXILIARY VERB

Another way we can use HAVE is as an auxiliary (helper) verb. As an auxiliary verb, it is used with the past participle to form perfect tenses

https://www.oxfordlearnersdictionaries.com/definition/english/have_2

Please look at these 2 examples:

I've been to Mexico twice.

Has anyone **seen** Karen today?

Have is the auxiliary verb in these sentences. The main verbs are **been** (the past participle of the verb to be) and **seen** (the past participle of the verb to see).

Perfect tense grammar



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More examples

Have you **tried** that new cafe on Front street yet? I hear it's really good. (**Tried** is the past participle of the verb TO TRY)

I **have** just **eaten** lunch so I'm not hungry. (**Eaten** is the past participle of the verb TO EAT).

HASN'T VS. DOESN'T HAVE

Have is the main verb – Negative

When have is the main verb in a sentence we will use the verb do/does as an auxiliary verb for the negative. (don't/doesn't)

Let's look at the negative form of our first 2 example sentences:

"I don't have time tomorrow."

"Mike doesn't have the project files anymore. He gave them to Kevin."



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Have is the main verb in both of these sentences.

More examples

“I **don't have** any pets.”

“Linda **doesn't have** a Ph.D.”

HASN'T VS. DOESN'T HAVE

Have is the auxiliary verb – Negative

When have is the auxiliary verb in a sentence we will use its negative form (haven't/hasn't) before the past participle of the main verb.

Let's look at the negative form of our other 2 example sentences:

“I have been to Mexico but I **haven't been** to Australia yet.”

“**Hasn't** anyone **seen** Karen today?”



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Have is the auxiliary verb in these sentences.

More examples

“If I **hadn't seen** it with my own eyes I wouldn't have believed it.”

“It's only 4:30 so Kelly probably **hasn't left** work yet.” (**Left** is the past participle of the verb TO LEAVE).

“Mike **hasn't called** me yet.” (**Called** is the past participle of the verb TO CALL).

Do you remember my student's question?

He hasn't any money.

OR

He doesn't have any money.

Which is correct?



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To have money means to hold or possess money. This is the main verb in our sentence. Remember...

When have is the main verb in a sentence we will use the verb do/does as an auxiliary verb for the negative. (don't/doesn't)

He doesn't have any money is correct!

More examples

A: Is Brad coming to the party?

B: Unfortunately no. He **doesn't have** time this weekend.



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GOT

***Got** can also be used in casual English to mean have. (Especially in North America)

Got is often used with **have/has** as an auxiliary form.

He **hasn't got** time.

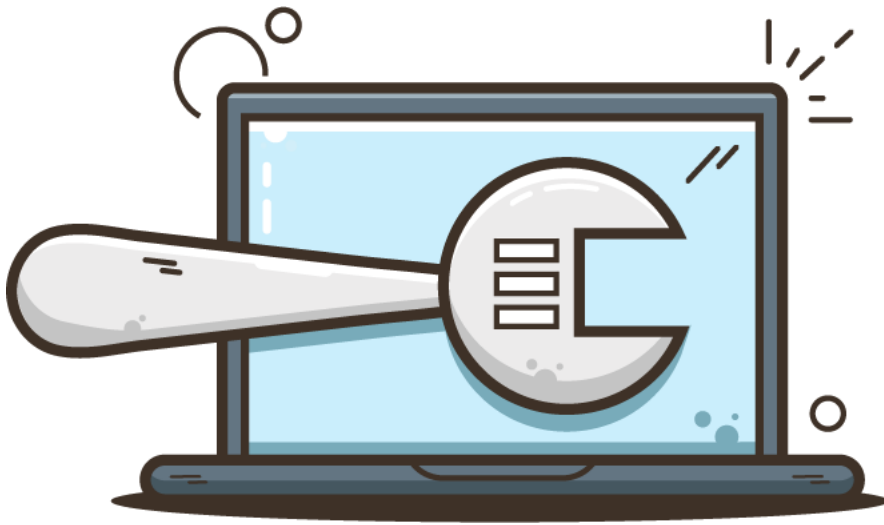
I've **got** time.

She's **got** money.

We **haven't got** any money.



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