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This is mostly about **have got (to)**, with one more use of **get / got**.

(see also Grammar Bites No 15: *have* and *have got*)

1 Have got = *have, own, possess* (present time only, but the form is present perfect)
(Informal, but very common)



“Excuse me, have you got time to see me now?”

Informal: speaking quickly, people often say this: “Got a minute?”

2 Have got to = *have to, must* (present time only, as above)
(Informal, but very common)



“We have got to prepare ourselves for bad weather.”

People sometimes say (and even write): *I gotta go!* This is very informal.

3 Get / got (+ the place) = *arrive(d)*



He got to work at 8 am, and got home at 6 pm.

I left at 7, got there at 8, and got back at 6.

About teachers and teaching:

Sometimes **got** = **have got**, and sometimes not, and some teachers say that it's better not to use *have got (to)*, but always use *have* and *have to*. In real life, native English speakers use both.

Quick check

Complete each sentence with *got, have got* or *have got to*:

(use phrases with “have...” if you can)

- 1 Jack _____ to the airport an hour before his flight.
- 2 As you know, you _____ be there in good time for the security checks.
- 3 “I _____ about £20, I hope that’ll be enough.”
- 4 We _____ report to the captain on arrival at the base.
- 5 They _____ there early, so they had time for a coffee.