

*Have got* and *have* mean the same. *Have got* is more informal. We use *have (got)* here to refer to both verbs:

*I've got a terrible pain in my back.*

*I have a terrible pain in my back.* (more formal)

*They haven't got a car.*

*They don't have a car.* (more formal)

We use *have (got)* to talk about possession, relationships, characteristics and illnesses. In these contexts, it is not used in the continuous form:

*She's got two cats and a dog.*

*She has two cats and a dog.*

Not: ~~*She is having got two cats and a dog.*~~

*Have you got a drill?*

*Do you have a drill?* (more formal)

*How many brothers have you got?*

*How many brothers do you have?* (more formal)

*She's got a new boyfriend.*

*She has a new boyfriend.* (more formal)

*She's got a delightful voice.*

*She has a delightful voice.* (more formal)

*It's got 153 calories and 45g of carbohydrates.*

*It has 153 calories and 45g of carbohydrates.* (more formal)

*I have never had the measles.*

*She's got a headache.*

Not: ~~*She is having a headache.*~~