

Have got and possessive 's

Choosing has got or have got for the right person, and adding 's or ' correctly to show who owns something.

Fill each gap with one of the words below it. Answers and the rule for every sentence are on the next page.

1. My brother _____ a driving licence, so he can drive us to the airport.

a has got b have got c haven't got d hasn't got

2. I'm afraid we _____ any milk left.

a have got b haven't got c has got d hasn't got

3. He _____ any brothers or sisters — he's an only child.

a have got b has got c hasn't got d haven't got

4. They _____ a beautiful garden behind their house, and they're very proud of it.

a has got b haven't got c hasn't got d have got

5. _____ you got a pen I could borrow?

a Have b Has c Do d Does

6. _____ your sister got a car?

a Do b Has c Have d Does

7. One boy left his shoes by the door. These are the _____ shoes.

a boys' b boys c boy's d boy

8. Three boys share this room. These are the _____ beds.

a boy's b boys c boy d boys'

9. I have one sister. I often visit my _____ office.

a sister's b sisters' c sisters d sister

10. I have two sisters. I often visit my _____ flat — they share it.

a sister's **b** sisters' **c** sisters **d** sister

11. Many children use this library. These are the _____ books.

a child's **b** childrens' **c** children's **d** children

12. Two men left their coats in the hall. These are the _____ coats.

a man's **b** mens' **c** mens **d** men's

Answer key

1. My brother **has got** a driving licence, so he can drive us to the airport.
We say has got for he, she or it, not have got.
2. I'm afraid we **haven't got** any milk left.
We say haven't got for I, we, you or they in the negative.
3. He **hasn't got** any brothers or sisters — he's an only child.
We say hasn't got for he, she or it in the negative.
4. They **have got** a beautiful garden behind their house, and they're very proud of it.
We say have got for I, we, you or they, not has got.
5. **Have** you got a pen I could borrow?
In questions with you, we say Have you got, not Do you got.
6. **Has** your sister got a car?
In questions with he, she or it, we say Has, not Have or Does.
7. One boy left his shoes by the door. These are the **boy's** shoes.
One boy owns the shoes, so we add 's after boy.
8. Three boys share this room. These are the **boys'** beds.
More than one boy owns the beds, so we add just ' after the plural boys.
9. I have one sister. I often visit my **sister's** office.
One sister, so we add 's after sister.
10. I have two sisters. I often visit my **sisters'** flat — they share it.
Two sisters share the flat, so we add just ' after the plural sisters.
11. Many children use this library. These are the **children's** books.
Children is already plural, so we just add 's to make children's.
12. Two men left their coats in the hall. These are the **men's** coats.
Men is already plural, so we just add 's to make men's.