

Has is singular except for first person (I) and third person (she, he, or it) in the *present* tense.

She has a car.

He has a boat.

Jack has a bicycle.

Janet has a new haircut.

I have a motorcycle.

You have a letter on the table.

Have is plural except for first person singular (I) and second person (you) in the *present* tense.

They have a nice house.

We have homework to finish.

The girls have fun at the movies.

Jack and Jill have money.

I have a plan that could help you.

You have two options.

Present Tense

Singular

I have
you have
she has
he has
it has

Plural

we have
you have
they have

Note: *You* may be singular or plural.

Note: *Has* and *have* are often used to show possession.

I have a dog.

She has a cat.

We have a Ford.

They have an idea.

Practice 1

Directions: Cross out the incorrect word.

1. I (have, has) a hobby.
2. Jane (have, has) her pen.
3. Bob and Joan (have, has) roles in the play.
4. You (have, has) a mess to clean up.
5. The girls (have, has) their own television.
6. He (have, has) a new baseball glove.
7. Bonnie (have, has) an appointment today.
8. You (have, has) a visitor.

Verb Tense

Verbs indicate when something happened. The time that a verb shows is called tense. The most common tenses are present, past, and future, but there are other tenses that enable us to express more specific time frames.

Present Tense

I have a car.
She has a boat.
We have a dog.
They have a parrot.
You have pretty hair.

Past Tense

I had a car.
You had a boat.
We had a dog.
They had a parrot.
Tom had three hamburgers for lunch.

Future Tense

I will have a car.
You will have three assignments.
Jack and Jill will have a map.

Practice 2

Directions: Cross out the incorrect words.

1. I (have, has, had) a motorcycle when I was younger.
2. The girls (have, has, had) their own television before they left for college.
3. Jane (have, has, had) her tonsils taken out last summer.
4. He (will have, has, had) his grades next week.
5. Bob and Joan (have, has, had) roles in the play last week.
6. Bonnie (have, has, had) an appointment to visit the dentist this afternoon.

Present Perfect Tense (have or has + verb)

The present perfect tense expresses an action that began in the past and has been recently completed or is continuing.

Bob has watched that show since he was a child.
My parents have lived in that house for twenty years.
They have just agreed to a new contract.

Past Perfect Tense (had + verb)

The past perfect tense expresses a past action that was completed before another past action.

Jamie had learned to swim before she was four.
The game had just started when it began to rain.
Bugs had never been a problem in our garden until last summer.

Practice 1 - Answer Key

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| 1. have | 5. have |
| 2. has | 6. has |
| 3. have | 7. has |
| 4. have | 8. have |

Practice 2 - Answer Key

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| 1. had | 4. will have |
| 2. had | 5. had |
| 3. had | 6. has |

Practice 3:

Directions: Write the correct word (has, have, or had) in each of the blanks.

1. I _____ to know your plans by this evening.
2. Tom and Mary _____ decided to get married, but then they changed their minds.
3. You _____ made him angry, and now he won't call.
4. Dianne _____ a new ring today.
5. They currently _____ a new house somewhere in Sebastian.
6. Jane _____ decided yesterday to dump Tarzan.
7. Bob, Sam, and Mary _____ been elected and will serve.
8. The mechanic called and said he _____ finished the car yesterday.
9. They _____ planned to buy a Chevrolet, but they bought a Ford instead.
10. If I _____ studied, I would _____ gotten a higher grade on the exam.
11. Carla knew that Bill would _____ preferred to watch the football game, but she really wanted to see the movie.
12. She was an idealist who would _____ been uncomfortable working for the senator.
13. Jack was astonished when he heard that Jane _____ joined the Marines.
14. He may _____ been mad at her, but he bought her flowers anyway.
15. The officers _____ watched the house for months before they raided it.
16. Did you _____ your phone number changed?
17. She _____ written several stories but could not get them published.
18. I _____ taken a course in computers, but I still can't understand them.
19. The rain _____ stopped falling when we left for the game.
20. For the last two years, I _____ been volunteering at the hospital.
21. I _____ been scared of heights since I fell off a ladder.
22. Last winter, she _____ planned to visit Switzerland.
23. Some students _____ already started to leave before the bell rang.

24. If you _____ doubts about going out with him, don't go.
25. My dad said that I _____ to finish my homework before I could go.
26. Because he _____ not called her, she assumed that he was not interested.
27. They _____ planned to attend the concert, but it was sold out.
28. Six months after he _____ graduated, Mark got married.
29. His own brother _____ told him last week not to hang out there.
30. By the time we _____ arrived, the keg was empty.

Practice 3 - Answer Key

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| 1. have | 9. had | 16. have | 24. have |
| 2. had | 10. had, have | 17. had | 25. had |
| 3. have | 11. have | 18. have | 26. had |
| 4. has | 12. have | 19. had | 27. had |
| 5. have | 13. had | 20. have | 28. had |
| 6. had | 14. have | 21. have | 29. had |
| 7. have | 15. had | 22. had | 30. had |
| 8. had | | 23. had | |