

## *I've Got It and I've Got 'Em*

1. Two people are going on a picnic. They are checking to be sure they have everything.



### Read their conversation.

Person 1: Do you have the lemonade?

Person 2: I've got it.

Person 1: Do you have the sandwiches?

Person 2: I've got 'em.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> In informal spoken English, usually people don't say the *th* in *them*—they say *'em*. (Also, sometimes they don't say the *'ve* in *I've got*—they say *I got*.)

2. Imagine that you are going on a picnic. You are checking to be sure you have everything.

**Work with a partner. First, Person 1 asks about each item on the checklist. (For example, *Do you have the lemonade?*) Person 2 looks at the list of things Person 2 has. If the answer is *no*, Person 2 says *No*. If the answer is *yes*, Person 2 says *I've got it* or *I've got 'em*. Then trade roles.**

### Checklist

<input type="checkbox"/> lemonade	<input type="checkbox"/> insect repellent	<input type="checkbox"/> paper napkins
<input type="checkbox"/> sandwiches	<input type="checkbox"/> cookies	<input type="checkbox"/> plastic cups
<input type="checkbox"/> plastic forks	<input type="checkbox"/> potato chips	<input type="checkbox"/> water
<input type="checkbox"/> fruit salad	<input type="checkbox"/> blanket	<input type="checkbox"/> paper plates

Person 1 has...

fruit salad  
insect repellent  
lemonade  
paper plates  
plastic forks  
potato chips

Person 2 has...

cookies  
blanket  
paper napkins  
plastic cups  
sandwiches  
water