

I've Got It and I've Got 'Em

1. Two people are packing for a trip to the United States. They are going to study at a university in Wisconsin, and they know the weather will be cold. They are checking to be sure they have everything.



Read their conversation.

Person 1: Do you have a hat?
 Person 2: I've got it.
 Person 1: Do you have gloves?
 Person 2: I've got 'em.¹

¹ 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 packing for a trip to Wisconsin. You are checking to be sure you have everything.

Work with a partner. Person 1 asks about each item on the checklist. (For example, *Do you have a hat?*) 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. (There are two items that nobody has.)

Checklist

<input type="checkbox"/> a hat	<input type="checkbox"/> cash	<input type="checkbox"/> a charger
<input type="checkbox"/> a warm jacket	<input type="checkbox"/> a credit card	<input type="checkbox"/> a notebook
<input type="checkbox"/> gloves	<input type="checkbox"/> a passport	<input type="checkbox"/> pens
<input type="checkbox"/> a scarf	<input type="checkbox"/> a cell phone	<input type="checkbox"/> walking shoes

Person 1 has...

a cell phone
 a charger
 a passport
 pens
 a warm jacket

Person 2 has...

cash
 a credit card
 gloves
 a hat
 walking shoes