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

| ☐ a hat       | ☐ cash     | ☐ a charger |
| ☐ a warm jacket | ☐ a credit card | ☐ a notebook |
| ☐ gloves    | ☐ a passport  | ☐ pens |
| ☐ a scarf | ☐ a cell phone | ☐ walking shoes |

Person 1 has... | Person 2 has...

a cell phone | cash
a charger | a credit card
a passport | gloves
pens | a hat
a warm jacket | walking shoes