

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.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 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. (There are two items nobody has.)

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"/> a blanket	<input type="checkbox"/> paper plates

Person 1 has...

fruit salad
insect repellent
paper plates
plastic forks
potato chips

Person 2 has...

a blanket
cookies
paper napkins
plastic cups
sandwiches