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

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>lemonade</th>
<th>insect repellant</th>
<th>paper napkins</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>sandwiches</td>
<td>cookies</td>
<td>plastic cups</td>
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<td>plastic forks</td>
<td>potato chips</td>
<td>water</td>
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<td>fruit salad</td>
<td>a blanket</td>
<td>paper plates</td>
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</tbody>
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Person 1 has… | Person 2 has…
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fruit salad | a blanket
insect repellant | cookies
paper plates | paper napkins
plastic forks | plastic cups
potato chips | sandwiches

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