

The many meanings of *have*

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Date _____

DIRECTIONS

Every sentence below uses a form of *have* — *has*, *had*, *haven't*, *don't have* — printed in bold. Read each group and notice how the meaning shifts, and how the sign changes along with it. Then write your own sentences on the blank lines.

1 HAVE (POSSESS)

it belongs to you; it is yours

- ♦ My mother **has** a house.
- ♦ She **has** two children.
- ♦ He **has** five brothers.
- ♦ What do you **have** for me?
- ♦ He **has** his own room.

2 DO NOT HAVE

you lack it; it is not yours

- ♦ She **does not have** a car.
- ♦ They **don't have** a job.
- ♦ The woman **doesn't have** a cat.
- ♦ We **don't have** dog food.
- ♦ He **didn't have** the book.

3 HAVE (ALREADY FINISHED)

the action is done and behind you

- ♦ I **have** already heard about it.
 - ♦ He **has** read the book.
 - ♦ I **have** seen the movie.
 - ♦ We **have** eaten.
 - ♦ She **has** talked with the teacher.
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4 HAVE NOT YET

it has not happened so far, but it still might

- ♦ I **haven't** seen the movie yet.
 - ♦ We **haven't** heard about them.
 - ♦ She **hasn't** talked with him.
 - ♦ They **haven't** eaten yet.
 - ♦ The teacher **hasn't** explained it to us.
 - ♦ I **haven't** met him.
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5 HAVE TO (MUST)

you are required to do it; there is no choice

- ♦ I **had to** explain it to her.
 - ♦ He **had to** call the police.
 - ♦ We **have to** do our homework.
 - ♦ They **have to** talk to me.
 - ♦ You **have to** meet him.
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6 DO NOT HAVE TO (NOT REQUIRED)

you may skip it if you want; nobody is making you

- ♦ We **don't have to** do our work.
 - ♦ You **don't have to** like it.
 - ♦ He **doesn't have to** explain it.
 - ♦ I **don't have to** work.
 - ♦ They **don't have to** eat if they don't want to.
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CHALLENGE

In English, groups 5 and 6 look like a simple pair — just add *don't*. But they are not opposites. *You have to like it* is a rule. *You don't have to like it* is not a rule against liking it; it is permission to feel either way. Write three sentences of your own: one where something is *required*, one where something is *forbidden*, and one where something is *optional*. Would you sign all three the same way?

THINK ABOUT IT

Six groups, one English word — and in ASL, six different signs. Some of them do not use the sign HAVE at all. Choose one of your own sentences from each group and be ready to sign it for the class.