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QT-ESL Podcast No. 2
The Verb “To Have” - All Tenses

Hi! I’m Marianne Raynaud, and I’m here to help you improve your level of spoken English.

Today we will be working on the verb "to have", and we will be reviewing the different tenses. This may seem very easy, especially when you read the script. But when you speak, it is not always easy to avoid mistakes with this verb and its tenses. We want you to be able to use the verb “to have” correctly without any hesitation.

The present tense. Listen and repeat:

I have          You have (one)      She has          We have
You have (one)  He has            It has           They have

Now I will say the pronoun and you will say the present tense. Listen to the examples.


Now you go on. Be sure to speak BEFORE I give the right answer.

I …          He …            It …           They …
I have       He has         It has         They have
You …       She …          We …
You have     She has       We have

The simple past tense. Listen and repeat.

I had             You had (many)       (Also: She had)        We had
You had (one)    He had            (Also: It had)         They had

Now I will say the present tense and you will give me the simple past tense:

I say: I have          I say: You have
You say: I had         You say: You had

Now you go on. Be sure to speak BEFORE I give the right answer.

I have          You have          He has          She has
I had          You had          He had          She had
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It has            We have            They have
It had            We had            They had

Now listen and repeat:

A very pleasant surprise
I have a very pleasant surprise.
A visit from a friend
You have a visit from a friend.
Dinner in a restaurant
He has dinner in a restaurant.
A call from her daughter
She has a call from her daughter.
Great importance
It has great importance.
A good time
We had a good time.
A test at school
They have a test at school.

Now continue repeating. This time we will use the past tense.

Yesterday I had a very pleasant surprise.
Yesterday you had a visit from a friend.
Yesterday he had dinner in a restaurant.
Yesterday she had a call from her daughter.
Yesterday it had great importance.
Yesterday we had a good time.
Yesterday they had a test at school.

Now answer “Yes” to the following questions. Here are some examples:

I say: Did you really have a very pleasant surprise?
You say: Yes, I really had a very pleasant surprise.
I say: Did you really have a visit from a friend?
You say: Yes, I really had a visit from a friend.
I say: Did he really have dinner in a restaurant?
You say: Yes, he really had dinner in a restaurant.
I say: Did she really have a call from her daughter?
You say: Yes, she really had a call from her daughter.
I say: Did it really have great importance?
You say: Yes, it really had great importance.
I say: Did you really have a good time?
You say: Yes, we really had a good time.
I say: Did they really have a test at school?
You say: Yes, they really had a test at school.

Now you go on and answer “yes” to the following questions. Be sure to speak BEFORE I give the right answer.

Did you really have a very pleasant surprise? Yes, she really had a call from her daughter.
Yes, I really had a very pleasant surprise. Did it really have great importance?
Did you really have a visit from a friend? Yes, it really had great importance.
Yes, I really had a visit from a friend. Did you really have a good time?
Did he really have dinner in a restaurant? Yes, we really had a good time.
Yes, he really had dinner in a restaurant. Did they really have a test at school?
Did she really have a call from her daughter? Yes, they really had a test at school.

The future tense. Listen and repeat.

I will have        She will have        They will have
You will have      We will have

Now I will say the present tense and you will give me the future tense. Here is an example.

I say: I have
You say: I will have
I say: You have
You say: You will have

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Now you go on. Be sure to speak BEFORE I give the right answer.

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Now listen and repeat:

Tomorrow I will have a very pleasant surprise.
Tomorrow you will have a visit from a friend.
Tomorrow he will have dinner in a restaurant.
Tomorrow she will have a call from her daughter.
Tomorrow it will have great importance.
Tomorrow we will have a good time.
Tomorrow they will have a test at school.

Now listen to the following examples:

I say: Yesterday I had a very pleasant surprise.
You say: Tomorrow I will have a very pleasant surprise.
I say: Yesterday you had a visit from a friend.
You say: Tomorrow you will have a visit from a friend.
I say: Yesterday he had dinner in a restaurant.
You say: Tomorrow he will have dinner in a restaurant.

Now you go on giving the future tense. Be sure to speak BEFORE I give the right answer

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Now just listen and repeat.

That was easy, but it is still difficult to speak English correctly. My aim is to understand others and to be clearly understood whenever I speak. I will have a 10-minute workout of “Linguistic Gymnastics” every day and soon I will be good at spoken English. In the past I had difficulties, but in the future I will not have any problems. I will be able to improve my level of English. I have exercises to do very often. This is hard work, but I will soon be ready to speak English easily. That will be very pleasant. I will have a very good time!

That is the end of today’s podcast. We will soon be back with more exercises and even short texts to repeat. Thank you all for listening and don't forget to keep smiling!