

# UNIT 8A: HAVE SOMETHING DONE

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### have something done

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I'm having my hair cut tomorrow.  
She has her house repainted every year.  
We've had a new bathroom put in.  
You ought to have your roof repaired.  
How often do you have your car serviced?  
I don't have the flat cleaned, I clean it myself.  
The flat was in good condition, so we didn't have it redecorated.  
When did you have those photos taken?

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- We use *have* + object + past participle when we arrange (and usually pay) for someone to do something for us, either because we can't or don't want to do it ourselves. Compare:  
*I cleaned my car yesterday.* (= I did it myself)      *I had my car cleaned yesterday.* (= I paid someone to clean it for me.)



- We can use *have something done* in any tense and with modal verbs.
- *Have* is the main verb, and is stressed. We use auxiliary verbs (*do*, *did*, etc.) to make questions and negatives.
- If we want to say who did the work, we use *by*, e.g.  
*We had our wedding photos taken by the same photographer you used.*  
*I had the central heating checked by British Gas.*

### EXERCISES:

#### A. Put the words in the correct order to make sentences:

Ex: I ....my hair had yesterday cut.

*I had my hair cut yesterday.*

1. Have.....eyes your tested had ever you?

2. We...to repaired don't have roof the need.

3. I....never whitened teeth have my would.

4. She .....hair to dyed not advised my me have.

5. It's ...expensive the to have too replaced carpets.

6. He's .....professionally have to passport his taken going photo.

7. My....faces at children had festival the their painted

8. We...have need oil to checked the

9. I.....while shopping had cleaned my was doing car I the

10. I ...have before legs going want waxed holiday on to my

**B. Write sentences about the people.**

e.g. He/ hair / cut    He's having his hair cut.



1. She/ need/car/service .....  
2. He/front door /replace .....  
3. He/new battery/put in .....  
4. They/should/ windows/clean .....  
5. She/ought to / eyes/check .....  
6. He/ not want/ photo/ take .....  
7. She / portrait/ paint .....  
8. He / want/ suit / dry clean .....

