

The causative

have/ get + object + past participle

USES

- ★ The subject does not do the action; someone else (who is usually paid) does the action for the subject.
- ★ Something unpleasant happened to the subject (**have** is more common)
- ★ The subject completes an action rather than leaving it in the middle or until later (**get** is more common).
- ★ **by + agent** can be added to the end of the sentence to say who is doing/ does/ did the action.

EXAMPLES

- He has arranged for a decorator to paint his house. ⇒ He **has had his house painted**. (He hasn't done it himself- a decorator has.)
- We **had our house broken into** last month.
- You **must get this job done** today.
- Dad **had the washing machine repaired by a friend of his**.



other causative patterns

These patterns can also be used to say who is doing/ does/ did the action.

have + agent + infinitive



I **had my son make** a copy of the CD for me.

get + agent + to infinitive



He **got his friend to teach** him how to drive.

Let's practise

A. Rewrite the sentences using THE CAUSATIVE FORM (have/ get something done).



1. We will have to arrange for a plumber to fix the dripping tap.



2. The local newspaper didn't publish his article.



3. Her sister dyes her hair once a month.



4. My cousin repaired my laptop last week.



5. They are going to develop our photographs next week.



6. Do they deliver your shopping to your house?

7. A chef used to cook her meals.



8. Have you asked an artist to paint your portrait?



9. She needs to arrange for the dressmaker to shorten her dress.



10. The dentist is filling Nick's tooth at the moment.



11. They didn't deliver our furniture yesterday.



12. The hairdresser will do her hair for the party.



13. Is a company going to clean your carpets?



14. When did a photographer last take a photo of you?



15. The cleaner hadn't cleaned their windows.



B. Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.



1. We are thinking of _____ caterers _____ the food for the party. (have - prepare)

2. My parents have decided _____ apple trees _____ in our garden. (have - plant)



3. I think I _____ my sister _____ my essay before I hand it in. (get - check)



4. This time tomorrow, dad _____ the car _____. (get - repair)



5. Sheila is so busy that she _____ her husband _____ the shopping. (always have - do)



6. Because he was bored, he _____ his brother _____ the dog. (get - walk)



7. My best friend, who is getting married next week, _____ her wedding dress _____ by a well-known designer. (have - make)



8. Nick _____ his leg _____ on tomorrow. (have - operate)

9. I had to finish my homework so I _____ my sister _____ our bedroom. (get - clean)



10. The manager _____ the secretary _____ a room for him. (have - book)

