Gateway to maturita B1+ Unit 6

Listening p.76

Listen to the recording about a smart home and choose the best answers.

1 Smart fridges...

a) Tell you what you must eat.
b) Can prepare your dinner.
c) Can help to improve your diet.

2 Smart fridges can also....

a) Say who has taken something from the fridge.
b) Make it unnecessary for you to go to a food shop.
c) Tell you which is the best and nearest food shop.

3 To control cameras, lights and heating in a smart home....

a) You have to use a special mobile phone.
b) You need to use a special remote control from onside the house.
c) It doesn´t matter where you are.

4 The first smart houses...

a) Appeared a few years ago.
b) Have just been built now.
c) Will exist in a year or two in the future.

5 Soon vacuum cleaners...

a) Will not just clean floors.
b) Will be frightening in some ways.
c) Will not need humans to operate them.

6 The expert, Jane, says that....

a) She doesn´t like making breakfast.
b) Smart homes will make us lazy.
c) We can do more when we live in smart homes.

Would you like to live in a smart home? Why/Why not?

LIVEWORKSHEETS

Now watch the video where Dave is explaining the structure HAVE SOMETHING DONE – causative.

Here is a short summary of the grammar explained

HAVE (any tense) +OBJECT + PAST PARTICIPLE

I' m having my computer repaired.

You have all your food delivered to your house.

Bill Gates had a smart house built.

We use have something done to talk about things that are **done for us by other people**, usually professionals. We often pay them to do this action.

Get is sometimes used instead of have in informal or spoken language.

We can use the preposition **by** to introduce the agent – the person or thing which does the action

Now practice

Rewrite the sentences using HAVE SOMETHING DONE

Ex. They fixed our computer last week. We had our computer fixed last week.

(**keep the tense**! – there is past simple – so also the verb HAVE will be in past simple tense + past participle of the verb fix, which is fixed – computer – the object goes in between)

1.- Someone has delivered Miriam's newspaper this morning.

Miriam

2.- Someone did Alice's make-up at 13,30 pm.

Alice

3.- The photographer had taken George some photos.

George

4.- The mechanic is changing Peter's car battery.

Peter

5.- The hairdresser dyed my mother's hair last Saturday.

My mother's hair

6.-The dentist checks my teeth once a month.

I

7.- They´re painting the kitchen on Saturday.

We

8.- They are going to service my sister´s car next week.

My sister

9.- Her parents pay her mobile phone bills.

She

10.-They have reinstalled the operating system on his computer.

He

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