

CAUSATIVE VERBS

Verbs	Causative Form	Passive Causative
Have	S + have + someone + V Ex: She had her brother clean his room.	S + have + Object + V3 Ex: She had her brother's room cleaned (by him).
Get	S + get + someone + to V Ex: I got my son to cut the grass yesterday.	S + get + Object + V3 Ex: I got the grass cut (by my son) yesterday.
Make	S + make + someone + V Ex: My parents make me do the housework every day.	S + be made + to V Ex: I am made to do the housework by my parents every day.

Tip: *Have something done* is the standard written/ formal form. *Get something done* is more common in spoken English.

PRACTICE

- 1) A mechanic has already repaired their car. (get – passive)
→ They _____.
- 2) I will ask somebody to install the pipes in the kitchen. (have – passive)
→ I _____ in the kitchen.
- 3) His coat is being cleaned at a specialist cleaner's. (have – passive)
→ He _____ at a specialist cleaner's.
- 4) Somebody is going to redecorate our living room. (have – passive)
→ We _____.
- 5) Gina may ask someone to dye her hair blonde next week. (get – passive)
→ Gina _____ blonde next week.
- 6) They paid someone to fix the chimney of their house last year. (have – passive)
→ They _____ last year.
- 7) The gardener was pruning George's bushes. (get – passive)
→ George _____.
- 8) The woman from the local shop delivers her groceries. (get – passive)
→ She _____ by the woman from the local shop.
- 9) The town hall had just been rebuilt for the council. (have – passive)
→ The council _____.
- 10) Alice should ask somebody to deliver the washing machine. (have – passive)
→ Alice _____.
- 11) He gets people to make all his shoes in Italy. (get – passive)
→ He _____.
- 12) Philip isn't here – Someone is cutting his hair for him. (have – passive)
→ Philip isn't here – He _____.
- 13) We had our garage built last year by the masons. (have – active)
→ We _____.

- 14) We have just gotten someone to paint our house. (get – passive)
→ We _____.
- 15) Last week, they put in a new central heating system in our house. (have – passive)
→ Last week, we _____.
- 16) I'll have to go to the optician's and tell him to change my glasses. (have – passive)
→ I'll have to go to the optician's to _____.
- 17) Sean went to the local bicycle repair shop for fixing the rear wheel of his bike. (have – passive)
→ Sean went to the local bicycle repair shop _____.
- 18) Helen's car was dirty this morning, but it looks perfect now. She's been to the garage. (have – passive)
→ Helen _____ today.
- 19) Do you ask someone to type your essays? (get – passive)
→ Do you _____?
- 20) My granny Violet doesn't like asking people to do her shopping. (have – passive)
→ My granny Violet doesn't like _____.
- 21) My shoes were covered in mud, so she made me leave them outside. (made – passive)
→ My shoes were covered in mud, so I _____.
- 22) Last week, Julie had her car serviced by the mechanic at the garage. (have – active)
→ Last week, Julie _____.
- 23) When Mrs Green goes to the doctor next week, she will have her blood pressure checked. (have – active)
→ Mrs Green will _____ next week.
- 24) Frank asked the butcher to cut the meat into big pieces. (get – passive)
→ Frank _____.
- 25) Alice has her milk delivered to her house by the shop. (get – active)
→ Alice _____.
- 26) Last month, Mr Brown had his eyes checked by the optician. (have – active)
→ Last month, Mr Brown _____.
- 27) We are going to have a builder mend the roof on our house. (have – passive)
→ We are going to _____.
- 28) You should have a mechanic replace your heating system. (get – passive)
→ You should _____.
- 29) The teacher made the students redo the exam. (make – passive)
→ The students _____.
- 30) I had my washing machine repaired by the electrician. (get – active)
→ I _____.
- 31) My mother made my father stop smoking. (make – passive)
→ My father _____.