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### The Causative

- We use **have + object + past participle** to say that we have arranged for someone to do something for us. *Mary **had her hair dyed**.* (She didn't dye it herself.)
- Questions and negations in the causative are formed with **do/does** (present simple) or **did** (past simple) + **have + object + past participle**.  
*Did he **have** his mail **delivered** yesterday?*

We use the causative to say that we have arranged for someone to do something for us or when something is done to us. Compare:



Tom is installing a burglar alarm.



Tom is having a burglar alarm installed.

	ACTIVE	PASSIVE
PRESENT SIMPLE	He <b>fixes</b> his car.	He <b>has</b> his car <b>fixed</b> .
PRESENT CONTINUOUS	He <b>is fixing</b> his car.	He <b>is having</b> his car <b>fixed</b> .
PAST SIMPLE	He <b>fixed</b> his car.	He <b>had</b> his car <b>fixed</b> .
PAST CONTINUOUS	He <b>was fixing</b> his car.	He <b>was having</b> his car <b>fixed</b> .
PRESENT PERFECT	He <b>has fixed</b> his car.	He <b>has had</b> his car <b>fixed</b> .
PAST PERFECT	He <b>had fixed</b> his car.	He <b>had had</b> his car <b>fixed</b> .
FUTURE SIMPLE	He <b>will fix</b> his car.	He <b>will have</b> his car <b>fixed</b> .

**5** Complete the following exchanges using the *causative*. **CHECK** ...

- 1 A: Greta looks very pretty today.  
B: Yes, she  (her hair/do) yesterday. ...
- 2 A: Catherine is spending a lot of money on wedding.  
B: I know. She  (her dress/make) by a famous designer. ...
- 3 A: My washing machine is acting up again.  
B: You should call someone and  (it/repair). ...
- 4 A: The team did really well winning the championship.  
B: Yes. They  (their picture/take) for the local paper at the moment. ...
- 5 A: Why is Harry so upset?  
B: He  (his wallet/steal) on the way to work. ...
- 6 A: When are they coming to sort the air conditioning?  
B: We  (the system/service) next week. ...
- 7 A: Did you see the story about the computer hackers on the news?  
B: Yes, the government  (their system/break into). ...
- 8 A: What was Caroline doing when you called her? ...  
B: She  (her nails/do). ...
- 9 A: What's wrong?  
B: Someone broke into my house, so I  (a burglar alarm/install). ...
- 10 A: Is this your new sofa?  
B: Yes, I  (it/deliver) at the weekend. ...

**6** Read the situations and write sentences using the *causative*. **CHECK** ...

- 1 They are painting my parents house. What are my parents doing?  
My  . ...
- 2 Lance has arranged for his car to be repaired next week. What will Lance do?  
Lance  next week. ...
- 3 The thief stole Edith's car. What happened to Edith?  
Edith  . ...
- 4 When Sally arrived, the electrician was fitting security lights outside her house. What was Sally doing?  
Sally  outside her house. ...
- 5 Bob has arranged for all his calls to be forwarded to his mobile while he is overseas. What has Bob done?  
Bob  while he is overseas. ...