Have something done

Study this example situation:

The roof of Lisa's house was damaged in a storm. Yesterday a workman came and repaired it.

Lisa **had** the roof **repaired** yesterday.

This means: Lisa arranged for somebody else to repair the roof. She didn't repair it herself.

We use **have something done** to say that we arrange for somebody else to do something for us. Compare:

- Lisa **repaired** the roof. (= she repaired it herself)
  Lisa **had** the roof **repaired**. (= she arranged for somebody else to repair it)
- 'Did you **make** those curtains yourself?' 'Yes, I enjoy making things.'
  'Did you **have** those curtains **made**?' 'No, I made them myself.'

Be careful with word order. The *past participle* (**repaired/cut** etc.) is after the *object*:

have	*object*	*past participle*
Lisa **had**	the roof	**repaired** yesterday.
Where did you **have**	your hair	**cut**?
Your hair looks nice. Have you **had**	it	**cut**?
Our neighbour has just **had**	a garage	**built**.
We are **having**	the house	**painted** at the moment.
How often do you **have**	your car	**serviced**?
I think you should **have**	that coat	**cleaned**.
I don't like **having**	my photograph	**taken**.

1. Complete the sentences using HAVE SOMETHING DONE in the correct form

1. Dad _____ (his car / clean) yesterday
2. It is going to be a very hot summer. We must _____ (air conditioning / put in)
3. It's three years since we last _____ (the bedroom walls / paint)
4. I _____ (my computer / fix) at the moment
5. How often _____ (your hair/ cut)?
6. She _____ (not /her passport photo / take) yet.
7. Alice _____ (her food / deliver) to her house every day
8. I ought to _____ (a new key / make) for the front door.
9. If you want to wear earrings, why don't you _____ (your ears / pierce)?
10. What are those workmen doing in your garden?

    Oh, we _____ (a garage / build)

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