

Passive Forms – Have & Get (something) Done

Passive forms with *have* and *get*

- The passive form *have* + object + past participle is used to talk about something we pay other people to do for us.
She had her nose pierced when she was a teenager.
- We use *have/get* + object + past participle when it was difficult to have something done.
After many years of trying, he finally had/got his book published.
- We can also use *get* + object + past participle. It is more informal but the meaning is the same.
She got her hair cut yesterday.
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- We use *get* + past participle for things that happen by accident, or things which happen to us that are unpleasant.
It's common for things to get broken when you move house.
My luggage got stolen somewhere at the airport.

Task – Put the words into the correct order to form questions:

Example:

1 How often do you have your car serviced ?

2 ? ever dyed you hair Have your had

3 eyes get tested When last did ? your you

4 had your Have famous ever you ? taken photo with someone

5 ? your to differently you Would cut like have hair

6 house into your got broken ? ever Has

Complete the conversations using the correct form of *have* or *get* with the verbs in the box.



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- 1 A: You look different. Have you your hair ?
B: Yes. What do you think?
- 2 A: You look pleased with yourself.
B: Yes, I've finally an article in the local newspaper!
- 3 A: Can you these business cards for me?
B: Yes, when do you want them done by?
- 4 A: Oh no! I'm so sorry – all over your shirt!
B: It really doesn't matter.
A: No, I'll pay for you to it .
- 5 A: I'm sorry about the noise.
B: Yes, what's going on?
A: We're some shelves .
- 6 A: I'm not sure about this contract they want me to sign.
B: Me neither. I'd it by a lawyer, if I were you.