

PASSIVE VOICE 4

A

Study this example situation:



LISA

The roof of Lisa's house was damaged in a storm. So she called a builder, and yesterday a man 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.

B

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

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

C

Get something done

You can also say 'get something done' instead of 'have something done':

- When are you going to **get the roof repaired**? (= have the roof repaired)
- I think you should **get your hair cut** really short.

D

Sometimes **have something done** has a different meaning. For example:

- Paul and Karen **had their bags stolen** while they were travelling.

This does not mean that they arranged for somebody to steal their bags. 'They **had their bags stolen**' means only: 'Their bags were stolen'.

With this meaning, we use **have something done** to say that something happens to somebody or their belongings. Often what happens is not nice:

- Gary **had** his nose **broken** in a fight. (= his nose was broken)
- Have you ever **had** your bike **stolen**?

46.1 Tick (✓) the correct sentence, (a) or (b), for each picture.



(a) Sarah is cutting her hair.
(b) Sarah is having her hair cut.



(a) Bill is cutting his hair.
(b) Bill is having his hair cut.



(a) John is cleaning his shoes.
(b) John is having his shoes cleaned.



(a) Sue is taking a picture.
(b) Sue is having her picture taken.

46.2 Put the words in the correct order.

1 had / a few weeks ago / the house / we / painted
We had the house painted a few weeks ago.

2 serviced / her car / Sarah / once a year / has
Sarah

3 twelve pounds / have / cleaned / it / my suit / cost / to

4 my eyes / I / two years ago / had / tested / the last time / was

5 had / in the kitchen / fitted / some new cupboards / we've

6 as soon as possible / need / translated / we / to get / this document

46.3 Write sentences in the way shown.

1 Lisa didn't repair the roof herself. She had it repaired.

2 I didn't cut my hair myself. I

3 We didn't clean the carpets ourselves. We

4 John didn't build that wall himself.

5 I didn't deliver the flowers myself.

46.4 Use the words in brackets to complete the sentences. Use the structure have something done.

1 We're having the house painted (we / the house / paint) this week.

(another key / make).

2 I lost my key. I'll have to

(you / your hair / cut)?

3 When was the last time

(you / a newspaper / deliver) to

4 your house every day, or do you go out and buy one?

5 A: What's happening in your garden?

B: Oh, (we / a garage / build).

6 A:

(you / the washing machine / fix)?

B: Not yet. There's someone coming to look at it next week.

7 If you want to wear earrings, why don't you

(you / your ears / pierce)?

Now use 'have something done' with its second meaning (see Section D).

8 Gary was in a fight last night. He had his nose broken (he / his nose / break).

9 Did I tell you about Jane?

(she / her credit cards / steal).

10 Security was very strict at the airport.

(we all / our bags / search).