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.

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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)