

# UNIT 8A: HAVE SOMETHING DONE

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### have something done

I'm **having** my hair cut tomorrow.  
She **has** her house repainted every year.  
We've **had** a new bathroom put in.  
You ought to **have** your roof repaired.  
How often do you **have** your car serviced?  
I **don't have** the flat cleaned, I clean it myself.  
The flat was in good condition, so we **didn't have** it redecorated.  
When **did** you **have** those photos taken?

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- We use *have + object + past participle* when we arrange (and usually pay) for someone to do something for us, either because we can't or don't want to do it ourselves. Compare:  
*I cleaned my car yesterday.* (= I did it myself)      *I had my car cleaned yesterday.* (= I paid someone to clean it for me.)



- We can use *have something done* in any tense and with modal verbs.
- Have* is the main verb, and is stressed. We use auxiliary verbs (*do, did, etc.*) to make questions and negatives.
- If we want to say who did the work, we use *by*, e.g.  
*We had our wedding photos taken by the same photographer you used.*  
*I had the central heating checked by British Gas.*

### EXERCISES:

#### A. Put the words in the correct order to make sentences:

Ex: I ....my hair had yesterday cut.

I had my hair cut yesterday.

1. Have.....eyes your tested had ever you?

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2. We...to repaired don't have roof the need.

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3. I....never whitened teeth have my would.

\_\_\_\_\_

4. She .....hair to dyed not advised my me have.

\_\_\_\_\_

5. It's ...expensive the to have too replaced carpets.

\_\_\_\_\_

6. He's .....professionally have to passport his taken going photo.

\_\_\_\_\_

7. My....faces at children had festival the their painted

\_\_\_\_\_

8. We...have need oil to checked the

\_\_\_\_\_

9. I.....while shopping had cleaned my was doing car I the

10. I ...have before legs going want waxed holiday on to my

**B. Write sentences about the people.**

e.g. He/ hair / cut      He's having his hair cut.



1. She/ need/car/service

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2. He/front door /replace

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3. He/new battery/put in

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4. They/should/ windows/clean

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5. She/ought to / eyes/check

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6. He/ not want/ photo/ take

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7. She / portrait/ paint

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8. He / want/ suit / dry clean

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